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<b>Hazards</b>	<b>Risks</b>	<b>Who might be harmed</b>	<b>Risk level</b>	<b>Control measure already in use</b>	<b>Effectiveness of those control measures</b>
<b>Brambles and thorny bushes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cuts and punctures</li> <li>- Tetanus</li> <li>- Eye injuries</li> </ul>	Staff Volunteers Members of public	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wear gloves and take care to remove rubbish from brambles and other thorny bushes</li> <li>- Wear long sleeves to protect arms</li> <li>- People should obtain immunity and ensure that it is kept up date</li> <li>- Exercise caution when pulling out long stretches of bramble</li> <li>- Pile bramble cuttings in specified area</li> <li>- Exercise caution when carrying brambles</li> <li>- Ensure no thorns or obstructions are left on paths</li> </ul>	High
<b>Overhanging branches</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Branches hitting people</li> <li>-Branches falling</li> </ul>	Staff Volunteers Members of public		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Assess height of overhanging branches before approaching to ensure volunteers are not hit</li> <li>-Use loppers to cut where necessary as long handles should allow volunteers to stand well back from falling branches</li> <li>-Do not stand directly underneath a branch being cut</li> <li>- Alert other people in vicinity when removing a branch</li> </ul>	High
<b><u>Use of hand tools</u></b> <b>Loppers, secateurs and fork</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cuts and punctures</li> <li>- Eye injuries</li> <li>- Damage to tools</li> </ul>	Staff Volunteers	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Keep loppers away from face and eyes</li> <li>- Keep two lopper length distance from other workers</li> <li>- Do not attempt to cut anything thicker than thumb with loppers or secateurs</li> </ul>	High
<b><u>General site</u></b> <b>Paths, uneven paths, steps, ground</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Slips, trips, falls</li> <li>- Injury from collision with passing bicycles or public</li> </ul>	Staff Volunteers	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Inspect site prior to work</li> <li>- Warn about potential trip hazards</li> <li>- Keep to right hand side of main path to allow bicycles to pass</li> <li>- Wear hi-visibility vests to improve visibility or staff / volunteers when necessary.</li> <li>- Place at work signs either side of the path so the area is clearly marked.</li> </ul>	Medium

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<b>Litter, metal, glass, hypodermic needles</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cuts</li> <li>- Puncture</li> <li>- HIV and hepatitis</li> </ul>	Staff Volunteers	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Inspect site prior to work</li> <li>- All staff and volunteers to wear gloves when working</li> <li>- Use litter-pickers for removal of litter, glass etc.</li> <li>- Volunteers to be told not to touch hypodermic needles but report finding to member of staff or trained volunteer for safe removal</li> </ul>	Medium
<b>Dog, Dog faeces Bee stings Contact with soil borne micro-organisms</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Toxocariasis</li> <li>- Exposure to pathogens</li> <li>- Tetanus</li> <li>- Allergic reaction</li> </ul>	Staff Volunteers	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If dog faeces come into contact with skin or clothes, wash with soap and hot water without delay</li> <li>- Wash hands before eating, drinking or smoking</li> <li>- Participants to be advised to have tetanus booster after a skin breaking injury if they have not had the full course of 5 shots</li> <li>- Any broken skin to be covered before work</li> <li>- Any cut received must be promptly washed and covered</li> <li>- Use tools or feet to move and firm soil, not hands</li> <li>- If hazardous substances are found on site, work will cease and staff informed immediately</li> </ul>	Medium
<b>Adverse weather (extremes of hot, cold, wet)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sunstroke/hypothermia</li> <li>- Slipping on wet mud / ice</li> </ul>	Staff Volunteers	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Staff and volunteers to wear suitable clothing and sturdy footwear in the likelihood of adverse weather</li> <li>- Sun block and sun hats to be used</li> <li>- Regular breaks in shade / shelter to be taken</li> </ul>	Medium
<b>Medical problems</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Volunteer and staff falling ill or injury</li> </ul>	Staff Volunteers	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- First aider to be present</li> <li>- First aid kit to be taken out to area where working</li> <li>- Staff to be informed if volunteers have any prior medical problem that may affect their ability to carry out tasks</li> </ul>	Medium