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

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