

Friends of Hyde Park Cemetery – Risk Assessment

Activity to be assessed: **Litter picking around Hyde Park Cemetery**

Name of Assessor: *Richard Bell*

Date of Assessment: 12 Aug 2016

Organisation: *Friends of Hyde Park Cemetery*



Activity	What hazards to health and/or safety exist?	What risks do they pose to volunteers & visitors?	Precautions already taken?	Risk level achieved? (H, M or L)	Are additional measures necessary?
FoHPC volunteers litter picking across the whole cemetery.	Trip hazards: poorly surfaced paths.	Tripping & falling on poor and stony surfaces.	All of the poorer quality paths have been resurfaced or removed in recent times.	L	Take care when walking, Watch out for any remaining uneven surfaces.
	Trip hazards: uneven ground on and around monuments and across grassed areas in general.	Tripping and falling over broken and uneven monuments, catching foot in rabbit hole, etc.	Grass cut regularly to expose monuments and holes in ground.	L	Do not to step on kerbs. Check ground ahead while walking.
	Needles discarded by drug users.	Puncture wounds and infection.	Needles have been removed when found.	L	Wear sturdy footwear. Always use picker, not hands. If needles are found, do not touch. Note location and arrange for safe removal by trained personnel. (01302 736000)
	Unstable monuments.	If pushed or leaned on a monument could fall and cause injury.	All known unstable monuments have already been laid down.	L	Do not touch, push, lean on or squeeze between monuments.
	Sharp objects, broken glass, etc.	Puncture wounds, cuts and infection.	Pickers, hand-hoops and gloves provided.	L	Always wear gloves, pick litter using picker only, not hands.
	Large or heavy items	Muscle strains, crushed fingers or toes.	Volunteers told not to try moving object that they cannot lift with a picker.	L	Always wear gloves. If picker will not lift item, then leave it and report to group leader.
	Bacterial infection / Weil's Disease	Illness	Gloves provided.	L	Always wear gloves. Wash hands before eating or drinking afterwards.

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Activity to be assessed: **Weeding & minor arboriculture work at Hyde Park Cemetery**

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FoHPC volunteers weeding shrub beds, removing tree suckers and other cutting back.	Trip hazards: uneven ground on and around monuments and across grassed and shrub areas in general.	Tripping and falling over broken and uneven monuments, catching foot in rabbit hole, etc.	Grass cut regularly to expose monuments and holes in ground.	L	Do not to step on kerbs. Check ground ahead while walking. Pay particular attention within shrub areas.
	Needles discarded by drug users.	Puncture wounds and infection.	Needles have been removed when found.	L	Wear sturdy footwear. Always wear thick gloves. If needles are found, do not touch. Note location and arrange for safe removal by trained personnel. (01302 736000)
	Bacterial infection / Weil's Disease	Illness	Gloves provided.	L	Always wear gloves. Wash hands before eating or drinking afterwards.
	Stubborn roots difficult to dig / lever out	Back strain / injury	Appropriate spades, forks and saws provided	L	Loosen ground around root, dig out surrounding soil. Saw through thick, deep roots below ground level.
	Falling branches	Impact injury /eye injury	Do not cut branches that are above head height.	L	2 nd person to support weight of branch while 1 st cuts it. Stand upwind of cut where practicable. If not practicable, wear eye protection.
	Injury while sawing or lopping	Cuts and grazes	Work gloves provided	L	Supervisor to make sure that gloves are worn.