

WOODFUEL PROJECT – Moor Farm Risk Assessment

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing?	Do you need to do anything else to manage this risk?	Action by whom?	Control	Site Specifics
Muscle strains	Volunteers - muscle strains	Site induction talk before visiting the site. This covers general site safety & safe working methods.	Group Leader should manage the work site.	Group Leader	On site tool use talk; ongoing assessment	Tool talk will be given at the start of the day
Slips, trips and falls	Volunteers - minor injuries	... site induction talk..	Group Leader should manage the work site.	Group Leader	On site safe moving talk as part of tool talk; ongoing assessment	Site is steep, slips likely when wet, observe safe working practice and keep site tidy. Ditch at bottom of site.
Cuts and grazes	Volunteers - minor injuries	... site induction talk..	Group Leader should manage the work site.	Group Leader	On site; make sure working at safe distance (1.5 body lengths) from each other.	
Manual Handling injuries	Volunteers - back injuries	... site induction talk..	Group Leader should manage the work site.	Group Leader	On site; individuals to make sure correct posture in tool use and lifting. Assess object before lifting.	
Injury to the public	Members of the public - injured by tool use and tripping over brash	Site induction talk.	Group Leader should manage the work site. We are not expecting members of the public on site.	Group Leader	No tools or brash or wood stacked on footpath. Keep vigilance for public .	A footpath is at the bottom of worksite.
Hand tools are sharp.	Volunteers - minor injuries	Volunteers will be given a 'tool talk' before visiting the site. This will covers safe use and handling of tools.	Group Leader should manage the work site.	Group Leader	On site tool talk regarding safe working practice. Ensuring tool are properly sharpened to reduce risk of misuse	
Fire for Burning Brash	Volunteers and Public - burns		One volunteer appointed to manage fire, observe slips trips and falls guidance	Group Leader	Make sure fire is 10m from public footpath	
Chainsaw use	Volunteers and public- injuries	Site induction talk	One volunteer to act as banksman for chainsaw operator	Group Leader	Make sure banksman appointed	A footpath is at the bottom of the worksite.