



Spaldwick Volunteer Litterpicking Risk Assessment

Date of Assessment:	15/05/2025
Date of Re-Assessment	15/05/2026

Persons involved in Assessment: Councillors of Spaldwick Parish Council, Sarah Cardwell (Parish Council Clerk)

Advisor: Mark Cardwell (CMIOSH)

Description of Hazard and Risk	Nature of Harm Groups Effectuated	Existing Control Measures	L x S	Additional Controls	L x S
			Level of Risk		Residual Level of Risk
Slips, trips, and falls	Litter pickers may suffer injuries such as fractures or bruising if they slip/trip on uneven surfaces or fall,	- Litter pickers to wear suitable footwear - Village grass cutting arrangements in place - Young children to be accompanied by adult.	1 X 4 Tolerable		1 X 4 Tolerable
Vehicle movement	Pedestrians could suffer serious injury if struck by bikes, scooters or any other ride on vehicles or be the cause of an RTA.	- Avoid close proximity to traffic where possible - Advised to only pick within the village and not near the A14 - High-vis vests made available - Litter picking to take place in daytime only - Presence of village road signs	1 X 5 Tolerable		1 X 5 Tolerable
Violence and Aggression. Lone working	Users could be subject to physical or verbal aggression or assault.	- Withdraw rather than face conflict - Report to family and friends - Young children to be accompanied by adult.	1 X 3 Minor		1 X 3 Minor
Sharp or hazardous waste including dog dirt	Cuts, wounds and infections	- Gloves to be worn at all times - Use of litter pickers - Potentially hazardous waste to be left and reported to the District Council for disposal - Thorough handwashing - Seek medical attention if required	1 X 4 Tolerable		1 X 4 Tolerable
Back strains or fatigue	Injury from stretching or lifting too much weight. Exacerbating existing conditions.	- Take regular breaks - Don't overfill bags	2 X 3 Tolerable		2 X 3 Tolerable
Danger from animals	Lyme's disease from ticks, bites and scratches	- Gloves to be worn at all times - Litter pickers to wear suitable footwear - Be aware of loose or wild animals and avoid where possible	1 X 3 Minor		1 X 3 Minor
Water and waterside diseases	Drowning, hypothermia	- Shower and change into dry clothing if immersed - Everyone advised to keep away from water banks - Report to family and friends	1 X 5 Tolerable		1 X 5 Tolerable

		- Young children to be accompanied by adult. - Thorough handwashing			
Electric fences	Electrocution	- Always assume electric fences are live and don't touch - Seek medical attention where appropriate	1 X 5 Tolerable		1 X 5 Tolerable
Irritants or dangerous plants	Poisoning, skin irritations or allergic reactions	- Gloves to be worn at all times - Awareness of dangerous plants - Thorough hand washing	2 X 3 Tolerable		2 X 3 Tolerable
Inclement weather including sun exposure and heavy rain and pollution.	Risk from sun and heat, leading to dehydration, sun burn. Risk of pneumonia if wet and cold	- Normal precautions to be taken - Children to be accompanied by adult. - Act accordingly depending on the weather, e.g. umbrella, sun cream, hat etc.	2 X 2 Tolerable		2 X 2 Tolerable

Key Likelihood 1 = Very Unlikely 2 = Unlikely 3 = Likely 4 = Increased likelihood 5 = Very likely.
Severity 1 = Slight injury/damage 2 = Minor injury/damage 3 = Moderate injury/damage 4 = Serious injury/damage 5 = Major injury/fatality/damage

Level of Risk

1 – 3 MINOR RISK	4 – 6 TOLERABLE RISK	8 – 12 MODERATE RISK	15 – 25 HIGH RISK
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IF THE RISK IS DEEMED TOO HIGH THEN ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED

Risk Treatment Plan

Hazard Ref:	Action Required:	Owner	Target Completion Date:	Status: (RAG)
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