

Risk Assessment:	Litter Pick		Location:	Various
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COVID Specific Risks

Reference: <https://members.scouts.org.uk/factsheets/FS315078.pdf>

Risk Mitigation

There are five main hazards common with all litter picks:

- Congregation at meeting/pick-up points
- Following and/or crossing roads
- Minor injuries due to trips and falls.
- Exposure due to bad weather.
- Becoming lost.

Risk Mitigation

As the organiser of the litter pick you should ensure that all volunteers know the risks and understand the control measures before clearing any litter. It is sensible to address all volunteers and introduce yourself as the lead volunteer/organiser, so they know who to go to with questions/to report an incident. You should also check that all volunteers know what equipment they must use and what area they may clean up. Also advise that a copy of the risk assessment is available on request. Ensure the organiser has a first aid kit.

Please ensure volunteers have the correct Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) – wear gloves if available (please email parents asking them to bring some rubber gloves from home if they have, sensible footwear no sandals, weather appropriate clothing (hat if hot) etc. .

Have the correct equipment – use litter grabbers and plastic bags provided

Do not pick up anything that does not look like regular litter - inform a leader or adult

Stay in visual contact with the group

Consider all the risks and hazards in the area, DO NOT PICK UP ANYTHING THAT IS NOT REGULAR WASTE eg hazardous waste, spent military ammunition, dog waste, vomit, needles. Be aware of roads & cycle ways, thorny bushes, low branches, uneven ground, hidden banks and water

Know the work area and how to report incidents or hazardous or unidentified waste, where to get first aid, boundary zones, deposit bags of waste. If YP/adults do safely pick up broken glass consider double bagging.

Most of the risks associated with this activity can be mitigated either by use of common sense or by applying relevant training methods.

A head count will be used to make sure the YP are all present or in their allotted groups.

Minimum adult:child ratios will be maintained (e.g. adult/Cub ratio of 8:1 + 1)

Minor injuries can happen with any activity. If the injured YP can walk back to the carpark then return there by the safest route. If not, the YP will have to make it to the nearest extraction point and taken home by car.

All YP should dress appropriately for the weather and bring a small backpack for water.

This Risk Assessment is generic. At the end of this RA there are three additional comments for the three locations the Cubs will be running their litter picks at: Elvetham Heather Nature Reserve, Peter Driver and Fleet Pond

Hazard / Risk	What is the Risk?	Normal Control Measures (Brief description and/or reference to source of information).	Additional Control Measures	Responsibility
Broken glass, sharp/rusty edges	Cuts & infections	Use litter grabbers and adult help/supervision to pick up sharp litter.	Seek medical attention where appropriate. Thoroughly wash any cuts or abrasions as soon as possible	Leaders
Needles	Cuts & infections	Leave alone and report to council for removal	Seek medical attention where appropriate.	Leaders
Heavy/awkward to handle rubbish	Pulled muscles and strains	- Extreme care to be taken, use good lifting practices and share the load with an appropriate number of people. - If too heavy to handle leave the object in place and report it to the organiser to arrange removal by the council	Stop immediately if suffering any pain or discomfort. Seek medical attention if ill effects persist.	Leaders Individual

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Batteries, asbestos & miscellaneous chemicals	Potential dangerous depending on condition	- Do not approach or remove any potentially hazardous waste - Report to organiser who will report to council for disposal	Seek medical attention if exposed to pesticides, insecticides or other chemicals – record any label detail	Leaders
Ground conditions	Sprains, muscle damage & broken bones	- Avoid dangerous areas and choose the safest possible route over difficult ground - Instruct volunteers to wear suitable footwear	Thoroughly wash any cuts or abrasions asap, however minor. Seek medical attention for any serious cuts, bruises or strains	Individuals Leaders
Highways, vehicles, bicycles, plant & machinery	Collision with moving traffic	- Avoid close proximity to traffic - Stay of highway - Be alert to other site users - Keep a look out - Stay in working groups with an adult	Seek medical attention following any injury/assault	Leaders & individuals
Animals – domestic, wild & farm	Bites, scratches from animals. Lymes disease	- Be aware of loose dogs and do not interact - Avoid contact with animal faeces - Wear appropriate clothing	Seek medical attention asap after being bitten or scratched. Wash hands immediately after contact with faeces. Avoid touching eyes	Leaders
Risk of drowning in water or waterside diseases	Risk of drowning or Weil's Disease from rats urine	- Do not work near the waters edge - Do not touch any dead animals - Cover any cuts or sores with a waterproof plaster before carrying out a litter pick	Seek medical attention where appropriate. Thoroughly wash any cuts or abrasions asap, however minor	Leaders
Site specific		•		
Meeting/pick-up points often in car parks or near roads. Risk from traffic.	Collision with moving traffic	- Maintain minimum adult:child ratios - Use muster points away from vehicle access / traffic - Keep YP together - Take headcount and register		Leaders

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Weather – rain before and during the activity, hot weather causing heat exhaustion or sun stroke.	Heat stroke, drenching/slips	- Monitor weather forecast in advance, if heavy rain forecast then consider alternative activity - All attendees to dress appropriately to the conditions - Bring warm layers and waterproofs - Tell everyone to bring a filled water bottle. If it's very hot, plan water stops and refilling if needed - Apply sun cream before hand	Seek medical attention where appropriate	Leaders
COVID – Risk of infection and/or member becoming symptomatic during event		- Review general COVID RA - Party to carry green COVID med kit with PPE etc.		Leader in Charge

On completion of the litter pick ensure:

- Everyone washes their hands thoroughly asap after the litter pick and before taking any food or drink
- Any wounds are redressed after cleaning and disinfecting if there has been any contact with water
- Volunteers carry out a personal inspection for cuts at the end of the session
- Report any hazardous items to the Council
- Collect all grabbers and spray with disinfect
- All rubbish collected is disposed in council common waste bins or taken safely back to home for disposal

MEETING POINTS:

Elvetham Heath Nature Reserve. Parents/guardians to park at Morrisons car park and walk to the meeting point. Please be aware there is a parking limit of 2 or 3 hours. Please read the signs. Walk to the Nature Reserve where will meet on the park area before the pond not far from the Elvetham Heath Way/Turners Way roundabout. For a more accurate location use the navigation app What3words:///following.nipping.armrests

Peter Driver Playing Fields. Bourley Rd, Church Crookham, Fleet GU52 8DY. Park in the playing fields car park and walk your Cub towards the gym apparatus where leaders will meet. For a more accurate location use the navigation app What3words:///diamond.fools.pilots

Fleet Pond Nature Reserve. Parents/guardians to park in the car park off Bramshott Cottages/A3013 over Southwood Lane Railway Bridge. For a more accurate location use the navigation app What3words:///Area.starling.eliminate