

# Sustainable South Brent 4Bs Group

## Risk Assessment

Site/activity: <b>Scything evening Sunday 2nd August 2020</b>				
Activity (describe what you plan to do, e.g. hedge trimming with power tools)	Type of Risk (describe risks, e.g. trips and falls, cuts, eye injuries and rate its severity as Low, Medium or High)	Level of Risk (rate the likelihood of the risk happening without mitigation – Low, Medium or High)	Mitigation (detail the measures you will put in place to reduce the probability and/or severity of the risk)	Risk rating after mitigation (Low, Medium or High). Mitigation should aim to reduce the risk to low. If not, review the measures to be taken.
Proximity to road	Road Traffic Accident	Medium	Working area is set back from the road behind the pavement. No dogs. Children may only watch from a safe distance but not take part.	Low
Use of hand tools/power tools	Cut injuries to hands, legs, feet. Strike injuries to others being hit by tools during use	High	Leader gives safety briefing at the start of the activity; including safe working distances between workers and correct use of tools.	Low
General moving around the site	Slips, trips and falls; contamination from dog faeces; cuts from litter (eg broken glass)	Medium	The event will not take place in the event of foul weather. The site will be checked by walkover before the event to clear any hazardous litter and dog faeces	Low
All the above	Risk of injury	Medium	A first aid kit will be brought on site; sufficient group members are trained in emergency first aid; a mobile phone will be brought on site to call for emergency assistance if required;	Low
All the above	Risk of deliberate harm being caused to unattended/unsupervised children	Low	Children may only watch from a safe distance but not take part.	Low
Cleaning blade	Cut injuries to hands, legs, feet. Strike injuries to others being hit by tools during use	High	Users wear gloves and users are shown correct way to clean blade.	Low
Sharpening blade	Cut injuries to hands, legs, feet. Strike injuries to others being hit by tools during use	High	Users wear gloves and users are shown correct way to sharpen blade.	Low
Putting blade on/taking	Cut injuries to hands, legs, feet. Strike injuries to others being hit by tools during use	High	Users wear gloves and users are shown correct way to put blade on/take blade off snath	Low
Cutting with scythe	Cut injuries to hands, legs, feet. Strike injuries to others being hit by tools during use	Medium	Users are shown the correct way to carry the scythe. Users are asked to put the blade guard on wherever possible. Removing blade from snath is much safer for transportation.	Low
Storing scythe	Cut injuries to hands, legs, feet. Strike injuries to others being hit by tools during use	Medium	Users are shown the correct way to store the scythe so that it doesn't fall on anyone. Users are asked to put the blade guard on wherever possible. Scythes are stored where members of the public do not have access to them.	Low
Scythe guards	Cut injuries to hands, legs, feet. Strike injuries to others being hit by tools during use	High	Plastic strips are available to cover the blade edge. Canvas, carpet or other materials may also be used to cover the blade. Wiping grass and dirt from the blade after use must be done carefully and with gloves on. Similarly, guarding the blade must be done carefully and by using gloves.	Low
All of the above	Covid-19	Medium	All participants must stay at least 1m from each other at all times. If anyone has any symptoms of Covid-19, (high temperature, new and continuous cough and/or loss of sense of taste or smell) they are asked to stay away from the event and will not be allowed to participate.	Low



