### **General Risk Assessment (All Work Parties)**

| **Hazard** | **Persons Affected** | **Risk** | **Control Measures** | **Risk with Mitigation** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Ground conditions  (uneven ground, steep areas) | All | Slips, trips & falls Equipment turn over | Site walked regularly and uneven surfaces posed a risk to mowers highlighted when found.  If necessary groundwork to rehabilitate paths | Low |
| Sharp objects | All | Cuts/grazes and other wounds | Wear appropriate clothing, basic PPE especially, gloves, consider eye protection | Low |
| Tick Bites | All | Lyme’s Disease | Wear long legs and sleeves while working in long grass, inspect for ticks regularly, remove early | Low |
| Contact with hazardous plants | All | Allergic reaction, poisoning | Wear gloves, long legs and sleeves, wash hands after working |  |
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### **Activity: Mowing (Ride On Mower)**

**Training:** All mower operators are to have been given an introduction to the machine by an experienced user including safe refuelling before mowing..

**Maintenance:** Manufacturer approved maintenance schedule to be followed.

**Before Mowing:** Inspect woodland for hazards, consider warning signs for the public. Inspect mower guards are intact and mower is in good order.

**After Mowing:** Mower and fuel to be stored correctly and committee informed of any issues uncovered during mowing.

| **Hazard** | **Persons Affected** | **Risk** | **Control Measures** | **Risk with Mitigation** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Ground conditions  (uneven ground, steep areas) | Operator | Slips, trips & falls Equipment turn over | Site walked regularly and uneven surfaces posing a risk highlighted when found.  If necessary groundwork to rehabilitate paths | Low |
| Narrow Bridges | Operator | Equipment turn over/fall | Mower not to be driven over wooden footbridges | Low |
| Refuelling equipment with petrol | Operator | Contact with fuels, leading to injury or ill health.  Fire  Slips due to spillage. | Petrol to be kept in correct canisters and properly sealed.  Wear gloves, refuel with shed doors open.  Sand spill kit to be kept in shed for use on spills  No smoking  Allow engine to cool before refuelling. | Low |
| Noise | Operator/public | Hearing loss/damage | Ear defenders to be worn while mowing  Mowing in progress notice on public gates | Low |
| Objects thrown up by mower | Operator/Public | Hit by debris | Pre- site inspection to remove any particular hazards  Mower guards well maintained  Maintain safe working distance | Med |
| General Public/Pets | Operator/Public | Collisions | Maintain safe working distance  Operator to be vigilant to presence of animals | Low |
| Contact with dangerous moving parts. | Operator | Contact with moving parts/blades | Mechanical cut out  Machine off with key removed when servicing  Use an implement to remove blockages not hands directly | Low |
| Defective Equipment. | Operator | Injury due to defect | Manufacturer’s maintenance schedule followed  Inspection of machine prior to use | Low |

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### **Activity: Strimming/Brushcutting**

**Training:** All operators are to have been given an introduction to the machine by an experienced user including safe refuelling/recharging.

**Maintenance:** Manufacturer approved maintenance schedule to be followed.

**Before Strimming:** Inspect woodland for hazards, consider warning signs for the public. Inspect guards are intact and strimmer is in good order.

**After Strimming:** Strimmer and fuel/batteries to be stored correctly and committee informed of any issues uncovered during strimming.

| **Hazard** | **Persons Affected** | **Risk** | **Control Measures** | **Risk with Mitigation** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Ground conditions  (uneven ground, steep areas) | Operator | Slips, trips & falls | Site walked regularly and uneven surfaces posing a risk highlighted when found.  If necessary groundwork to rehabilitate paths | Low |
| Noise | Operator | Hearing loss/damage | Ear defenders to be worn while cutting  Cutting in progress notice on public gates | Low |
| Objects thrown up by cutter | Operator/Public | Hit by debris | Pre- site inspection to remove any particular hazards  Cutter guards well maintained  Maintain safe working distance  Eye protection | Med |
| Physical stress/manual handling | Operator | Physical discomfort/injury | Program regular breaks. Limit use | Low |
| Contact with dangerous moving parts. | Operator | Contact with moving parts/blades | Maintenance of guards  Wear appropriate clothing/footwear | Low |
| Defective Equipment. | Operator | Injury due to defect | Manufacturer’s maintenance schedule followed  Inspection of machine prior to use | Low |
| Various hazards arising from Inappropriate training | Operator/Public | Various from above | Brushcutter to be used after training | Low |