

Cleeve Community Orchard Risk Assessment

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Introduction

The orchard, which is situated off the lane between Bishops Mead & Graitney Close is owned by Cleeve Parish Council. It has been created on land that was formerly the Millennium Garden (2000-2024) and before that, one of the village's allotment sites. It is a haven for fruit growing, pollinators, wildlife & people.

HAZARD & RISK	RISK LEVEL BEFORE CONTROL MEASURES	WHO IS AT RISK?	MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF RISK	FINAL RISK LEVEL
HAND TOOLS.. cuts, grazes, blisters	LOW RISK	VOLUNTEERS & MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC	VOLUNTEERS TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY OF THEIR OWN TOOLS WORKING PARTY – SAFETY BRIEFING AT START OF SESSION TO OUTLINE SAFE WORKING PRACTICE	LOW RISK
POWERED TOOLS e.g strimmers, chainsaw	MEDIUM RISK	VOLUNTEERS & MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC	POWERED TOOLS TO ONLY BE USED BY THOSE QUALIFIED TO DO SO OR AT THE INDIVIDUALS OWN RISK PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT TO BE WORN WORKING AREAS TO BE CORDONED OFF	MEDIUM RISK

MANUAL HANDLING.. strains, lower back pain	LOW RISK	VOLUNTEERS & MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC	IF AVAILABLE, WHEELBARROWS TO BE USED TO TRANSPORT HEAVIER ITEMS	LOW RISK
SOIL.. Infection from bacteria	LOW RISK	VOLUNTEERS & MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC	WEAR GLOVES WHEN HANDLING SOIL, PROTECT ANY CUTS HAND WASHING TO BE ADVISED AT END OF SESSION	LOW RISK
IRRITANT.. poisonous plants	LOW RISK	VOLUNTEERS & MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC	WARN OF PRESENCE, WEAR LONG SLEEVES & GLOVES, WASH EXPOSED SKIN THOROUGHLY	LOW RISK
INSECTS.. bites, stings, Lyme disease	MEDIUM RISK	VOLUNTEERS & MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC	WEAR LONG SLEEVES, USE INSECT REPELLENT, STOP WORKING IN VICINITY OF ANY WASP NESTS, PROVIDE INFO ON LYME DISEASE AND IMPORTANCE OF CHECKING FOR TICKS. SEEK MEDICAL ADVICE IF CONCERNED.	LOW RISK
DOG FAECES.. mess on clothing, disease	LOW RISK	VOLUNTEERS & MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC	REMOVE FROM WORK AREA USING BAGS	LOW RISK
NATURAL HAZARDS.. slips, trips & falls on uneven ground	LOW RISK	VOLUNTEERS & MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC	POINT OUT TRIP HAZARDS TO VISITORS, KEEP PATHS CLEAR OF TOOLS & DEBRIS, WEAR SUITABLE FOOTWEAR	LOW RISK
WEATHER: heat, cold, wet.. heat exhaustion, sunburn, hypothermia	LOW RISK	VOLUNTEERS & MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC	DRESS FOR WEATHER CONDITIONS: SUN HATS, SUN CREAM, WARM CLOTHING, WATERPROOF CLOTHING, HOT/COLD DRINKS	LOW RISK
PROVIDING FOOD FOR VOLUNTEERS.. nut allergies, scalds from hot drinks	LOW RISK	VOLUNTEERS & MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC	BE AWARE OF FOOD ALLERGIES, WARN IF MAY CONTAIN NUTS, CARE WHEN HANDLING HOT ITEMS	LOW RISK