

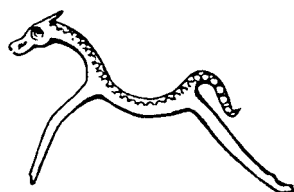
Silchester Common Work Parties - Generic Risk Assessment

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Work Type	Hazard	Precautions to be taken
Common Hazards – All tasks	Slipping and tripping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warn volunteers of the hazard of cut stumps Leave tools in safe positions Avoid dragging wood backwards
	Site and person related risks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Those leading the Work Party that day to assess site for hazards before starting work and communicate to the group Those leading the Work Party that day to keep a look out for volunteers who may be at particular risk or present risks to others

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Rare Hazards - all tasks	Infections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where necessary, in safety talks, refer to issues regarding infection, e.g. tetanus, tics Discuss at committee and circulate relevant info) Do not work near water with open wounds
	Toxic Plants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Always wear gloves when handling ragwort, wild parsnip, hemlock water dropwort

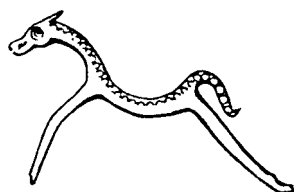
Task	Hazard	Precautions to be taken
Tree-felling of large trees (generally - tree width above average wrist size)	Injury to persons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trees of this size only to be felled by trained personnel A “Minder” to be used, where willing volunteer available, by each tree feller where the tree width (at the point at which it is felled) is over six inches diameter. Tree feller and “Minder” to ensure safe working distances and that area around tree is clear of people
	Kick-back from heel of tree being felled	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with a suitable safety zone Have escape routes
	Impact with falling timber	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instruct volunteers of dangers Ensure use of safe working distances Assess winds Warn of falling timber in good time Tree-feller and “minder” to wear hard hats



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Use of chain saw	Injury from blade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only trained and certified people to use machine • Follow safe working practices
	Injury from falling timber or flying debris	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use a safe working distance from others • Specialist protective clothing, steel toe-cap boots, hard hat with eye protection • “Minder” to wear hard hat and eye protection
	Hearing damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the correct form of ear protection for the machine • Maintain safe working distances from others • “Minder” to wear correct form of ear protection
	Foot injury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chain saw operator to wear steel toe-caps
Tree felling of small trees (generally - tree width below average wrist size)	Injury to persons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instruct volunteers of dangers • Ensure use of safe working distances, so no one is in area where tree may fall • Maintain adequate distance between workers. • Hard hats to be available for those who wish to wear them.
	Impact with falling timber	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instruct volunteers of dangers • Ensure use of safe working distances
Scrub-bashing and thorny plants	Cuts and thorns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear appropriate gloves
	Eye injury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use safety eyewear if necessary
Use of brush cutter	Injury from cutter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only trained people to use machine • Follow safe working practices
	Injury from flying debris	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use a safe working distance from others • Steel toe-caps and suitable eye protection to be worn by operator
	Hearing damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operator to use correct form of ear protection for machine • Maintain safe working distances from others
	Foot injury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operator to wear steel toe-caps
Using hand tools	Cuts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All users to be made aware of correct use of tools • Do not use glove when handling swinging tools • Maintain tools so they work correctly
Bonfires	Lung, eye damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • load from upwind
	Burn injuries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be aware of trip hazards, e.g., fire site to be as clear of stumps as possible • Wear gloves for turning in burnt material • Consider wearing a hat of some sort to prevent burns to the top of the head • Manage fire with pitch fork • Stack material to be burnt at a distance from the fire so it does not ignite accidentally



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Bonfires continued	Flying debris	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not add dangerous items to fire
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Use of herbicide chemicals	Poisoning; skin damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only suitably experienced personnel to use the chemicals Gloves to be worn by the handler
Heavy manual handling	Back strain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use safe lifting techniques Ask for assistance if outside one's capabilities Roll or drag the material rather than carry
Working near water	Drowning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warn volunteers of the dangers Use pole to check depth of water and state of bottom of area In water more than one meter deep, keep one person on bank with pole or throw line Avoid long periods working in water
Working near overhead electricity cables	Electrocution Damage to cables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restrict work in area. Only selected, trained operators to work in the area Someone to keep watch
Working near roadsides	Being struck by passing vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wear high visibility vests or jackets Use a minder to spot for oncoming traffic Stop work when traffic approaches and stand clear
Working near permitted horse track	Injury from or to horse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warn volunteers of danger Place notices to warn horse riders
Hammering	Injury from flying hammer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not use glove when using a hammer
Digging	Injury to instep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use strong boots and dig with ball of foot

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