## BIGGLESWADE COMMUNITY GARDEN RISK ASSESSMENT FOR GROUP ACTIVITIES

Name and Nature of Activity – Group Gardening Sessions

Date: 16/11/2022 Reviewed 24/04/24

Location: Biggleswade Community Garden- Chestnut Avenue

Individuals Involved (including numbers):

All volunteers and members, the management committee, and anyone visiting the community garden.

People at Risk: members, Volunteers, the management committee, and anyone visiting or using the or tending the community garden.

Medical Assistance: 1st Aid Kit on site Emergency Services (call 999)

Risk Evaluation					
Potential Hazards	Potential Risks	Initial Rating	Control	Actions	Residual Risk
Uneven surfaces	Slips, trips and falls.	4 (medium)	We ensure pathways are clear of any	Continued maintenance of	2
and pathways			obstacles e.g. hose pipe, tools. If in use	pathways and grassed areas	(low)
			they are located at the edge of the		
			pathways.	Continued awareness of keeping	
				pathways clear of clutter and	
			Any large stones or bricks are	uneven surfaces	
			removed on a regular basis.		
				Ensure awareness is raised of	
			Paths are regularly maintained and	specific problematic areas e.g bulb	
			cleared of obstructions.	bank.	
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			All volunteers working on Des Ball's  Leading to the leading of the leading		
			bulb bank which is particularly sloped		
			do so at their own risk.		
Use of tools	Injuries, trips and falls,	4		Continued regular maintenance	2
030 01 10010	minor cuts and bruises	(medium)	We only allow individuals to use	of own tools.	(low)
		(,	tools they are comfortable with.		(,
			, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Any faulty tools will be disposed	
				of.	

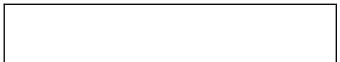
Manual handling and lifting	Injury, strains and sprains	4 (Medium)	<ul> <li>Volunteers to be advised of good manual handling techniques.</li> <li>Volunteers will be made aware of the risks and will only lift what they feel comfortable with.</li> </ul>	Each person can lift or handle heavy objects within their own limits.	2 (low)
Plants	Ingestion, allergic reaction, flicking branches, thorns and stings, eye	2 (low)	<ul> <li>Encourage gloves to be worn and hands washed after gardening.</li> <li>No edible plants are at Chestnut Avenue which reduces the risk of accidental ingestion.</li> </ul>	Advise volunteers when starting their first gardening session that all plants are ornamental only.	1 (low)
Soil and unintended animal manures from cats, dogs and foxes	Tetanus, E-coli, Leptospirosis (Weil's disease), toxoplasmosis, toxocariasis, bioaerosols, skin irritation, soil blowing into eyes	2 (low)	<ul> <li>Check the garden during sessions and remove any mess wearing gloves and disposing in an outdoor waste bin.</li> <li>Wash hands after removal of waste.</li> <li>Gloves to be worn when working with soil.</li> <li>Avoid working with soil in dry and windy conditions where soil can become airborne.</li> <li>Hands are washed/ sanitised after gardening</li> </ul>	Continued checks and raised awareness for volunteers	1 (low)
Bees, wasps and insects	Stings, bites	2 (low)	<ul> <li>Advise volunteers to bring their bite/sting relief cream for the individual to administer.</li> <li>Dispose of any found nests when this poses a risk to others.</li> </ul>	Advise volunteers more at risk to bring their own bite relief cream and epi-pens if necessary.	1 (low)

Illness, accidents	Cuts, bruises, seizures, head injuries etc.	4 (medium)	<ul> <li>At least 1 member on site with access to 1<sup>st</sup> aid kit. Ideally 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Trained</li> <li>Seek medical attention when necessary.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Renew 1st Aid qualifications when they expire.</li> <li>Increased knowledge for both volunteers and members in the procedure for an accident or</li> </ul>	2 (low)
Weather	Sunburn, sunstroke, dehydration,	2 (low)	Advise the use of sun cream on sunny days.	Continue to do what we are doing.	1 (low)
	hypothermia, slips and falls		<ul> <li>All volunteers know their own limits and will not volunteer if weather is too cold or too hot.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Cancel gardening sessions in cases of extreme weather or in cases of icy conditions.</li> </ul>	( )

Αį	Attendees shall only undertake activities they feel comfortable performing and should stop, seek assistance and/or go home if they feel unsafe at any time.					
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## **Risk Evaluation Matrix**

SEVERITY



LIKELIHOOD	1	2	3
1	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM
	-1-	- 2 -	- 3 -
2	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
	- 2 -	- 4 -	– 6 –
3	MEDIUM	HIGH	HIGH
	- 3 -	- 6 -	- 9 -