



Leicester Forest East

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Tree Warden Risk Assessment

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This risk assessment covers the works of the parish Tree Warden and any future Tree Wardens.

Tree Wardens are people who volunteer to be appointed by their community group, resident's association, parish council or community council to gather information and to encourage practical projects relating to trees in the community.

Hazard	Who might be harmed and How?	Existing Measures	What further action is necessary?	Action by who?	Action by when?	Done
Lone Working.	Tree Warden – slip, trip, fall etc.	Tree warden to inform Clerk/Assistant Clerk or Premises officer face-to-face, in the Parish office before starting any works and to inform the same when they have completed their works.	Continued notification of Council staff.	Tree Warden.	Ongoing.	Ongoing.
Falling Tree/Branches.	Tree warden – injuries to body/face.	<p>Parish Council to ensure regular tree surveys are completed and all remedial works completed in a timely manner. Also, any dangerous trees to be reported and dealt with as soon as possible.</p> <p>Tree warden must not approach a tree which they believe may be dangerous but</p>	Continued tree surveys, remedial works and reports of dangerous trees if and when necessary.	Parish Council, Tree warden, Council staff.	Ongoing.	Ongoing.

		must, instead, report it immediately to the Clerk.				
Slips/Trips/Falls when tending to trees.	Tree warden – injury to limbs/head/body.	The parks are inspected weekly for safety. Any uneven/dangerous paths etc would be reported to the Clerk within a week, remedial action would then be taken as necessary.	Continued parks inspections.	Parish Council, Clerk, Premises officer and Play/Parks Inspector.	Ongoing.	Ongoing.
Litter	Tree Warden could be injured due to slipping on a piece of litter in the park, or a sharp piece of litter being left in the parks.	Blaby District Council are contracted to regularly empty the bins and dog waste bins on the Parish Council's two parks. They are also required to litter pick to ensure there is not a build up of potentially dangerous litter.	Continued regular, scheduled, emptying of bins by Blaby District Council. Continued regular litter-picking by Blaby District Council.	Council, Clerk, Blaby District Council.	Ongoing.	Ongoing.
Violence/Threatening Behaviour from members of the Public	Tree warden – physical/psychological harm.	Tree warden to inform Clerk/Assistant Clerk or Premises officer face-to-face,	Continued notification of Council staff.	Tree Warden.	Ongoing.	Ongoing.

		<p>in the Parish office before starting any works and to inform the same when they have completed their works.</p> <p>Any suspicious or threatening behaviour to be reported to the Police.</p>				
Manual Handling	<p>Tree Warden - Moving large objects such as saplings, reaching, bending or twisting. Stooping, top heavy bending (bending from the waist using the back), can lead to strained, pulled muscles, general backache.</p> <p>Cuts and grazes from sharp objects, leading to infection.</p>	<p>Tree Warden to lift and move items using their legs to bend, not their back.</p> <p>Tree Warden not to handle very heavy items alone.</p> <p>Assess items before they are moved for hazards such as unknown substances, sharp edges.</p> <p>Tree Warden to wear appropriate footwear that has</p>	Continued compliance of Tree Warden.	Tree Warden.	Ongoing.	Ongoing.

		suitable tread and ankle support, so that they are less likely to slip whilst carrying out the activity.				
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