

BRISTOL TREE FORUM

Adopt a Tree - Survey Risk Assessment

Date & location	Visits to diverse rural and urban sites
Participating group (at risk)	Bristol Tree Forum and volunteers
Group leader	Volunteers working individually or in pairs
Persons at risk	Adults
First aider on site	No, unless volunteer has had training
Emergency vehicle access	To be actively considered by volunteers undertaking survey

Nature of Hazard	Uncontrolled Outcome	Precautions to be taken	Risk level	Additional control measured needed?
Very cold, wet &/or windy weather.	Exposure Falling Branches.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid undertaking surveys in periods of severe weather. • Take appropriate outdoor clothing when surveying. • Avoid undertaking surveys in periods of or following strong winds. • Assess potential dangers prior to walking under trees. 	Low	No
Parking & working close to roads.	Injury due to collision with vehicle or individual directly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan where to park in advance of visit and only park where safe & legal. • Do not block accesses. • Re-assess risks prior to starting a survey & move plot centre as necessary to allow survey to be conducted safely. • Do not work on the highway. • Hi Viz vests are available & should be worn when working adjacent to the highway. 	Low	No
Slippery, muddy or uneven ground.	Sprain, fracture or concussion.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear appropriate outdoor footwear. 	Low	No

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Unmanaged vegetation, protruding branches.	Cuts, grazes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take plasters and antiseptic on surveys • Carry a charged phone, with a local hospital contact number entered into this. 	Low	No
Stinging & biting insects.	<p>Stings leading to allergic response</p> <p>Tick bites leading to an allergic response and/or Lyme Disease.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear trousers when working in long grass or woodland & tuck trousers in to socks. • Wear a top with long sleeves when working in woodland or amongst tall vegetation. • Wear light coloured clothing if possible, so that ticks can be spotted more easily. • Brush clothing with a stiff brush on completing the survey. • Check skin and remove any ticks with an approved product. • If you develop a red halo 'Bull's Eye' rash and/or flu-like symptoms, go to your doctor and tell them where you have been working. 	Low	No
Dogs & public.	Physical attack by dogs or the public.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid possible confrontation with dogs or the public where they may cause problems. • Have a mobile phone available to contact police if necessary. 	Low	No

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Violent or threatening behaviour from a resident.	Assaults, threats and abuse from residents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Always obtain prior permission from the occupier before entering private property. • All volunteers to work in pairs when entering private property. • Only enter a private property where it is felt safe to do so. • All volunteers to have a switched on & fully charged mobile phones. • All volunteers to carry a summary of the BTF Survey & their role in this & explain this to interested parties. • Always politely walk away from potential/actual incidents and summon help if required. 	Low	No

Date Assessed	Mark CD Ashdown
By	21 st September 2019