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ACTIVITY LOCATION	ALL SITES	DATE FOR RE-ASSESSMENT	ASSESSED BY
persons at risk: all volunteers; especially young persons; general public risk level: generally moderate except as indicated			GRASSROOTS
VOLUNTEER INFORMATION	General public Cleaning path Muscle strains from heavy work Airborne particles Contact with micro- organisms inc Tetanus , Leptospirosis Wheelbarrow work General manual handling Slips, trips and falls		
HAZARD OR HAZARDOUS EVENT	PRECAUTIONS		
General public	All volunteers to look out for path users Where there is a large work group post lookouts at both ends of work area		
Cleaning path	Prolonged bending; take breaks from spadework Striking roots, large stones, etc – check before starting Dispose of debris well clear of path		
Muscle strains from heavy work	Instruct in and ensure safe and correct shovel/lifting techniques Rotate work to avoid injuries		
Airborne particles	Wear impact resistant goggles , BS EN 166, if cutting or trimming stone Work with back to wind		
Contact with micro- organisms inc Tetanus , Leptospirosis	Advise participants to have Tetanus inoculation Advise of symptoms of Leptospirosis , Hepatitis A and others		
Wheelbarrow work	Ensure tyres at correct pressure Ensure handle grips in place Advise volunteers of distance from stone heap & to take it in stages Advise volunteers to take only manageable load that can negotiate steps & uneven ground Take only load that can be tipped without strain Ensure there are at least two volunteers at spillway steps to assist in lifting barrow		
General manual handling	Plan in advance any lifting of heavy materials Clear route any stone or materials are to be carried over Train all in safe lifting, carrying and moving techniques Heavy loads will be carried between two people Limit number of tools any one individual carries Where sustained, repetitive or very heavy manual handling is to be carried out, volunteers must rotate tasks & rest as necessary		

This assessment is based on information from The Conservation Volunteers as amended for GrassRoots Conservation Group activities.

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Slips, trips and falls	Inspect site and clear/mark inherent trips hazards Cover any dug holes or cross ditches to prevent falls Leave site clear of material and debris at all times when it is unattended Direct path users around work and provide signs and barrier tape to warn path users of work in progress Always leave tools in clear , safe place