


# Version 1 GENERIC RISK ASSESSMENT 11:GARDEN HABITAT MANAGEMENT

ACTIVITY ASSESSED		ASSESSMENT DATE	
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ACTIVITY LOCATION	<b>ALL SITES</b>	DATE FOR RE-ASSESSMENT	ASSESSED BY
persons at risk: all volunteers; especially young persons risk level: generally moderate except as indicated			<b>GRASSROOTS</b>

<b>VOLUNTEER INFORMATION</b>	Hazardous plants Structural hazards Uneven ground and muddy slopes Slips, trips & falls Clearance by hand tools Clearing collapsed structures Clearing vegetation from structures
<b>HAZARD OR HAZARDOUS EVENT</b>	<b>PRECAUTIONS</b>
Hazardous plants	Be aware of plants with thorns/bristle/stinging hairs; some have poisonous sap/fruit
Structural hazards	Assess site for old structures that may be rotten or have collapsed and been buried in soil or vegetation: timber frames/fencing/metal posts/wire & wire netting glass – broken glazing/ sheets/fragments metal - rusty nails/fragments rubble – bricks/concrete/tiles/slates terracotta – broken plant pots can be sharp Volunteers to be advised to look out for these where they may cause injury/trips/cuts/damage tools
Uneven ground and muddy slopes	Sturdy footwear with a firm grip should be worn
Slips, trips & falls	Previously cultivated ground may be uneven At low level old kerbs & edgings may be overgrown Collapsed structures should be identified Weeds/brambles are trip hazards Stumps/branches may all be present and overgrown
Clearance by hand tools	Wear gloves , long sleeves and long trousers Ensure that other workers are a safe distance from the person using a hand tool Wash hands before eating , drinking or smoking
Clearing collapsed structures	Ensure that there is no possible hazard from further collapse of the structure e.g. falling bricks Cutting wire – ensure wire is slack; cut using bolt cutters at arm’s length Bricks – where necessary loosen using wrecking bar; sturdy footwear with a firm grip should be worn Volunteers to be advised that there may be metal/glass/ slate present
Clearing vegetation from structures	Brick walls: check to see if there are any loose areas of brickwork there may be fallen bricks below There may be old nails/wires Do not pull large sections of ivy away; it may have grown into/through the wall