

Risk Assessment for PGT Public Spring Bulb Planting.

Activity

The PGT is inviting local residents to take part in planting approx 2500 spring bulbs in a small memorial garden on the 30th October 2021. The event will be publicised a week in advance on local Facebook group pages, children are welcome and residents are encouraged to bring their own trowels, blub planters or spades, but some equipment may be available provided by the Trust's landscape contractor.

Risk	Mitigation	Residual Risk
Bad weather	In publicity people will be advised to wear appropriate clothing, gloves and sturdy shoes or boots. In days before the event we will monitor the forecast and postpone the event if the weather is going to be too bad, especially if thunder is forecast.	Low
Safeguarding	Children are welcome to take part but publicity will stress that any child under 16 has to accompanied by a parent or guardian. If a child is separated from a parent or guardian the police will be called and a female volunteer for the Trust who is DBS checked will be on hand to temporarily comfort them until the police arrive, or they are reunited with their carer.	Low
Injuries	Participants will be briefed by our professional horticultural consultant on how to safely plant the bulbs. A first aid kit will be available for minor injuries and an ambulance will be called for anything beyond that. Trustee volunteers will be on hand to oversee the event and will intervene if they see any behaviour that might result in	Low

	<p>injuries.</p> <p>Any tools loaned to participants will be of a professional standard and well maintained.</p>	
Site Access	<p>The planting site is on level ground and easily accessible via well maintained paths.</p> <p>The planting area will be clearly marked.</p>	Low
Site specific issues	<p>The ground has been prepared with herbicide by our professional landscape management company and a suitable time has been allowed for that to disperse.</p> <p>The area will be checked shortly before the start of the event for any other contaminants such as dog faeces and litter.</p> <p>The bulbs have been purchased from a reputable supplier recommended by our horticultural consultant.</p>	Low
Other events	<p>Appleton AFC play on a pitch nearby. We have liaised with the organisers. The pitch is far enough away that stray footballs will not be a threat.</p> <p>The spectators are mostly made up of parents of those children taking part in the football and mostly between 30 and 60 meters away from the planting area.</p> <p>The planting area is near a public footpath but it will be clearly marked and there is plenty of room between them.</p> <p>Trustee volunteers will be on hand to inform people about the event and to ensure they can still use the path safely.</p>	Low
Communication	<p>All Trustee volunteers will arrive before the event for a briefing from the organiser and the horticultural consultant.</p>	Low

	<p>This risk assessment has been seen by our horticultural consultant and our estate landscape management company.</p> <p>This risk assessment will be sent to all of those volunteers before the event.</p> <p>The risk assessment will be available to participants via the PGT website.</p> <p>On the day Tony Lyons, the PGT estate manager, will be event co-ordinator and all Trustee volunteers and Trust contractors will act through him.</p>	
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