

Red volunteer risk assessment for grass cutting at Eric East Lake

What are the hazards	Who might be harmed	Likelihood	Existing Controls	Additional Controls required	Likelihood after controls
Exposure to weather	Volunteers	Low	Work will not be attempted in inclement weather. In bright sun, the normal precautions against sun exposure will be taken.	None	Very Low
Slips, trips and falls	Volunteers	Med	Normal care will be exercised, and all volunteers reminded that the banks are uneven and there are trip hazards. All volunteers to wear suitable footwear for walking on uneven ground.	None	Low
Working with farm machinery	Volunteers	Med	The tractor will tow the grass cutting machinery. There will be one driver and two banksmen. Only a driver who has full personal insurance and professional experience in the use of the tractor and cutter will be allowed to fulfil this role. The two banksmen will act as spotters, one walking ahead of the tractor and one behind to both warn and keep back any members of the public. These volunteers will be briefed to maintain a distance of at least 20 metres between themselves and the machinery while it is in motion. The volunteer walking behind will be warned concerning the danger of debris or stones that may be thrown out by the cutter.	None	Low
Use of Machinery	See above	Med	See above	None	Low
Vehicle movement: death, broken bones, bruising	Volunteers, Public	High	5mph speed limit when driving on the site. Authorised persons only. Banksmen to ensure members of the public are warned.		Low

			Notices to be put up to that effect.		
Drowning deep water	Volunteers		Bankmen should remain at least 2 metres from the lake shore or any deep water. Driver to ensure tractor is always travelling parallel to the shore and at least 3 metres clear of it, unless completing a turn, which should always be initiated in the direction away from the shore.		Low

Likelihood's Key

Low = unlikely risk of accidents

Medium = Likely risk of accidents causing harm to persons

High = Likely risk of accidents causing extensive harm and / or death to persons

All accidents, however minor, should be reported to the event supervisor and the Parish Clerk.

Please create your own risk assessment from the template above, adding, removing or amending categories as needed. If you need further guidance, please see our Green Risk Band risk assessment and our Strimmer Policy, or ask the Parish Clerk for help.