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| **Activity: Woodland Maintenance** | **Emergency contact on site:** |
| **Date:** | **Mobile contact No.** |

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| **Location:**  Follywood, Folly Lane, Stroud | **Description of location:**  Private 3-acre woodland |
| **Nearest A &E Unit:**  Stroud Hospital | **Directions to A & E**  Trinity Road, Stroud, GL5 2HY. |
| **Access and meeting point for emergency vehicles:**  Folly Lane, GL5, Stroud. Proceed all the way up the hill, taking the left turn where Folly Lane joins Peghouse Rise and becomes a single track lane, and meet at the second turning to Wickridge House on your right . | |

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| **Site safety Coordinator:**  The site Safety Coordinator is the person present on site responsible for carrying out the designated activity. |

**Signature of Site safety Coordinator: Date**

**Risk Assessment**

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| **Activity: Woodland maintenance** |
| **Description:**  Clearing nettles, weeds, and brambles. Checking tree guards and stakes. Removing small trees |

**Severity and likelihood of risk: Low, Medium, High.**

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| **Hazard** | **Potential outcome** | | **Severity of**  **outcome** | | **Likelihood of**  **occurrence** | | **Actions to be taken to reduce risk** |
| Cutting coppice with hand tools | Head and other injuries | | M | | L | | Safe felling procedures must be followed.  Two ‘tree’ lengths safety zones to be maintained.  Personal protection to be available if necessary –  Gloves, safety glasses helmets. |
| Use of hand  tools | cuts | | M/H | | L | | Instruction on safe tool use given at start of task – cut away from body; use sharp tools; maintain safe working distances; no glove on hand holding edged tool. Stop working if tired. |
| Thorns | Puncture wounds and scratches | | L | | H | | Wear gloves where safe. Use long-handled tools. Avoid kneeling unless on clear ground or if wearing knee-pads. |
| Manual handling | Back strains | | M | | L | | Use of good lifting technique – bend knees, keep back straight. Share heavy loads. Avoid overloading. |
| Fire | Burns/smoke inhalation | | M | | L | | Wear gloves when working around fire. Ensure fireplace is sound and secure. Keep surrounding area clear of trip hazards and flammable materials. |
| Cooking on fire | Scalding, burns | | M | | L | | Ensure pans and kettles are secure. Use thick gloves when handling. Designate a safe place to leave pans when off the fire. |
| Falling debris | Head & other injuries | | L | | M | | Inspection of overhead situation. Use of hard hats if appropriate. Cessation of work until problem resolved. |
| Slips, Trips | Cuts, bruises  sprains | M | | M | | Wear well fitting boots, keep paths clear of trip hazards. | |
| Traffic Hazards | General Injury | L | | L | | Place warning sign on lane to warn drivers if working along that edge of the wood. | |
| Public | General injuries | L | | L | | Place warning signs on any public access routes. Keep footpaths clear. Be vigilant. Tape off fire sites after use. | |
| Children | General injuries | L | | L | | Adults should be aware of presence of young children when working. Children to be supervised by a responsible adult at all times. | |
| Any other hazards expected? |  |  | |  | |  | |

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| Is lone working expected | | | No | | | |
| Are there any environmental/wildlife considerations? | | | There are badger sets in the wood keep work to a minimum near these sets. Control fire sites, leave site tidy etc. | | | |
| PPE Needed (please tick) | Safety boots | Safety wellingtons | Gloves | goggles | Hard hat | Ear defenders |