


Forest of Hearts RISK ASSESSMENT for Tree Planting and Gardening

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Activity/ Process/ Operation	What are the Hazards to Health and Safety?	What risks do they pose and to whom?	Risk Level H/M/L	What precautions have been taken to reduce the risk?	Risk Level Achieved H/M/L	What further action is needed to reduce the risk?
Tree Planting and gardening	Tripping over, slipping, Impact (particularly feet), cuts, bruises, sprain, strain, musculo-skeletal	Personal injury to participants through thorns, cuts, punctures Trip hazards	M	Information to participants about need for suitable clothing, footwear Selection of tools suitable for terrain, soil conditions Authorised planting techniques Tool maintenance and safety checks Provision of PPE : gloves, safety footwear, non snag clothing. Operator training - work planning and assessment Use of good technique – squatting back straight for bedding/small plants/trees	L	Guidance issued to people prior to activity. Observation throughout activity to ensure adherence to health and safety aspects.
	Impact from planting canes –eye injuries	Personal injury and injury to others	M	Care and attention. Briefing at start of activity.	L	Briefing  Forest of Hearts
	Falls, trips in: planting holes, planting materials, tools equipment	Personal injury	M	Care and attention. Use of appropriate footwear.	M	
Car Parking	Collision with parked cars and pedestrians. Excessive driving speed	Personal injury and damage to vehicles	M	Care and attention. Parking attendants to wear hi vis jackets. Drivers instructed where to park. Warning signs with 5 MPH speed limit.	L	As above