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## Sibbertoft Village Litter Picking Risk Assessment

**Location:** Sibbertoft village, Clipston Road, Naseby Road, Marston Road (Sibbertoft Parish)
**Local Authority:** West Northamptonshire Council
**Activity:** Community Litter Picking
**Document Type:** Formal Risk Assessment (Colour-Coded)

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### 1. Introduction

This risk assessment covers community litter-picking activities within Sibbertoft Village, and specifically along Clipston Road, Naseby Road, and Marston Road. These rural roads present a mixture of traffic, environmental, and terrain-related hazards. The purpose of this document is to ensure volunteer safety and compliance.

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### 2. Scope of Activity

Volunteers will collect litter from roadside verges, footpaths, and accessible areas along the three identified roads. Activities include walking, picking litter using tools, bagging waste, and leaving filled bags at designated collection points.

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**3. Colour-Coded Risk Table**

**Colour Key:**

- **Red = High Risk**
- **Amber = Medium Risk**
- **Green = Low Risk**

| Hazard | Who Might Be Harmed | Risk Description | Control Measures | Risk Level (Before Controls) | Risk Level (After Controls) |
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| **Road Traffic** | Volunteers, children | Narrow verges, blind bends, agricultural vehicles | High-vis vests, stay on verges, face oncoming traffic, avoid bends, signage if permitted, supervise children | 🔴 **High** | 🟠 **Medium** |
| **Slips, Trips & Falls** | All volunteers | Uneven ground, potholes, wet grass, ditches | Sturdy footwear, avoid steep banks, avoid poor weather, stay on level ground | 🟠 **Medium** | 🟢 **Low** |
| **Manual Handling** | Volunteers lifting bags | Heavy or waterlogged bags, strain injuries | Use smaller bags, team lifting, leave bags at collection points | 🟠 **Medium** | 🟢 **Low** |

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| **Sharp / Hazardous Objects** | Volunteers, especially children | Glass, metal, needles, chemicals | Use litter pickers, gloves, do not handle hazardous waste, report sharps to WNC | 🔴 **High** | 🟠 **Medium** |
| **Biological Hazards** | Volunteers | Dog waste, dead animals, contaminated items | Avoid direct contact, use tools, wash hands, report dead animals | 🟠 **Medium** | 🟢 **Low** |
| **Weather Conditions** | All volunteers | Heat, cold, rain, wind, poor visibility | Check forecast, appropriate clothing, postpone in extreme weather | 🟠 **Medium** | 🟢 **Low** |
| **Interaction with Public / Dogs** | Volunteers | Aggressive behaviour, uncontrolled dogs | Avoid confrontation, step away, report incidents | 🟢 **Low** | 🟢 **Low** |
| **Wildlife & Vegetation** | Volunteers | Nettles, brambles, insects, ticks | Wear long sleeves, gloves, avoid hedgerows, check for ticks | 🟠 **Medium** | 🟢 **Low** |
| **Working Alone** | Lone volunteers | Injury without help, no communication | Encourage pairs, carry phone, inform organiser of timings | 🟠 **Medium** | 🟢 **Low** |

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| **Environmental Damage** | Wildlife, habitats | Disturbing habitats, removing embedded items | Stay on verges, avoid hedgerows, report fly-tipping | 🟢 **Low** | 🟢 **Low** |

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### 4. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- High-visibility vests
- Gloves (sturdy, puncture-resistant)
- Litter pickers
- Suitable footwear
- Optional: sun protection, waterproofs

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### 5. Emergency Arrangements

- Emergency services: **999**
- First aid kit held by lead organiser
- Volunteers briefed on nearest meeting points
- All incidents recorded and reported to West Northamptonshire Council

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### 6. Residual Risk Summary

With all control measures in place, the overall activity risk is **Low to Medium**, suitable for supervised community volunteers.

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**7. Sign-Off Section**

**Assessor Name: _____**

**Date: _____**

**Event Organiser: _____**

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