Neen Savage Parish Council

Risk Assessment - Litter Pick Week - 18th - 24th October 2026

What are the Hazards	Who might be harmed	How might people be harmed	Likelihood/ Impact	Controls in place for safety	Further controls / review
Access to and suitability of equipment	Everyone	No safety equipment. Poor quality equipment.	Low/3	Advertise over WhatsApp to contact AR and collect from Shunesley.	Co-ordinator to note and send reminder if necessary. Check condition of equipment and replace where necessary.
Environment including Traffic and other road users, Ditches, Potholes, Uneven surfaces and tripping hazards, Overgrown hedges, Adverse Weather	Everyone	Impact from vehicles, slips/trips/fall, facial injuries from hedges.	Low/4	Precautionary advice given on safe ways to work and be mindful of hazards: 1. Wear high-viz vest and gloves at all times. 2. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear. 3. Work in direction of on-coming traffic and use road signs provided. 4. Use litter picker and bags provided.	Issue reminders and check. Keep mobile contact during Event. This is purely voluntary but if weather particularly bad, advise not to go out.
Broken glass/sharps	Volunteers	Cuts, infections.	Low/3	1. Visual Checks initially. 2. Do not pick up broken glass or sharps but note location and report to Co-ordinator.	Issue reminders and check.Co-ordinator to report any drug-related items or hazardous material to Shropshire Council.
Large items or fly tipping	Volunteers	Sprains, strains.	Low/2	1. Do not move but report to Co-ordinator to arrange collection.	Co-ordinator to note and report as necessary.
Noxious plants ie ivy, giant hogweed, insects or waste which could be harmful.	Volunteers	Allergic reactions, medical attention being required.	Low/2	1. Individual responsibility to avoid hazard and notify Co-ordinator. 2. Care with unknown items.	Co-ordinator to note and report as necessary. First Aider available during event.
Lost or unsupervised children	Children	Injuries from vehicles, equipment, environment, litter.	Low/2	Children are very welcome but must be supervised by parents/carers who will also re-iterate what is safe to pick up and how to do this.	Co-ordinator to note if young/vulnerable people taking part.
Lack of control	Everyone	Lost volunteers, not all areas picked.	Low/1	1. Keep note of who is where. 2. Volunteer to report when finished and where rubbish bags are to Co-ordinator.	Co-ordinator to note what has been collected and report location of bags and any fly tipping to Shropshire Council for collection.

Note: Consider using What3Words for accurate location identification.

Council has public and employers' liability insurance in place for this event.

Likelihood	Impact
3 - High Chance	4 -Catastrophic - major and permanent damage
2 - Medium chance	3 - High Impact
1 - Low Chance	2 - Medium Impact
	1 - Low impact

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