



General Method Statement.

Hedge Laying.

Introduction.

During the general maintenance of the canal line, volunteers will be required to control the growth of the hedges adjoining the canal line and towpath / footpath areas.

After preliminary investigations, the most effective and safe form of removal will be applied. Physical removal of the hedge and small trees and disposal will be required. This could take the form of mechanical or hand held tools for cutting of small trees and bushes.

Removed vegetation to be either burnt in a container or on a bonfire. Tree logs to be taken off site for use in wood burners, etc.

Method.

Only work as directed by the site Supervisor must be carried out.

Only fully trained operative will be allowed to use chainsaws to remove small trees.

Risk Assessment.

See attached Generic Risk Assessment sheet for General Hedge Laying and Chainsaw operation. A project specific Risk Assessment to be carried out for specific sites if required.

Conclusion.

The work will be carried out with consideration of the general public and wild life. With the precautions being taken, there will be no risk to the general public or DSCT volunteers during the this work.

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on behalf of the Derby and Sandiacre Trust