



## **General Method Statement.**

### **Vegetation and scrub clearance.**

#### **Introduction.**

During the general maintenance of the canal line, volunteers will be required to remove the brambles, saplings and general weed growth from the canal banks and towpath / footpath areas, along with drained sections of canal bed.

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

After removal, further treatment may be required in the form of weed / pesticide control before general mowing can be carried out.

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.

#### **Risk Assessment.**

See attached General Risk Assessment sheet for Vegetation Clearance. A project specific Risk Assessment to be carried out for specific sites.

#### **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 to the general public or DSCT volunteers during the this work.

Signed -

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on behalf of the Derby and Sandiacre Trust