



Site Method Statement.

Working outside on vegetation and scrub clearance in line with Government guidelines and IWA guidance notes with respect of Corvid-19.

Introduction.

Following the recent easing of lock down restrictions and the Governments and IWA guidelines, the Derby and Sandiacre Canal Trust are looking at how we can resume working parties on the canal sections safely in view of the Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic.

During the period of lock down, unfortunately, mother nature has not stopped and various areas require attention to control and the removal of vegetation, brambles and shrubs. This is to prevent injury to the general public, while exercising along our paths, and to clear areas for the forthcoming dig out at Draycott. Hedges and brambles to be checked for any wildlife before work is started. If nests are found, the area is to be avoided.

To conform with the recent changes in the the restrictions, working parties will be limited in the number of volunteers attending. Invited volunteers will be asked to confirm their attendance, and sign the Covid-19 Site Induction form to confirm that they will work in line with the Expected Standard of Behaviour.

Only work to be carried out by volunteers attending as directed by Eddy Case. Dependant on the number of volunteers attending, they will be divided into small groups, currently 6 max. Volunteers will ensure that they Socially Distance while working and follow the Expected Standard of Behaviour.

Expected Standard of Behaviour on site.

During your visit to these sites, the following behaviour is expected.

- Travelling to site. Walk, cycle or use your own vehicle to attend site. Do not use public transport. Only share with another person if they are from your own household.
- Wash / sanitize your hand for the recommended length of time upon arrival on any site and before putting on your gloves.
- Wear gloves at all times. Ensure gloves are cleaned before using and kept clean while working.
- Maintain the 2m Social Distancing at all times. Respect other volunteers space. If you get close to someone step away.

- 'Lone working' is not permitted on any DSCT site. However, only work closely with members of your own household and ensure that you maintain the 2m Social Distancing with anyone working nearby.
- Avoid face to face working. Work using side by side or back to back spacing.
- Avoid contact with the general public. Maintain the min. 2m spacing.
- Ensure that any shared equipment is cleaned before and after you use it.
- Wash / sanitize your hand on leaving site.
- Clean any surface that your gloved hand may have touched. Car door handle, your own tools, etc.

Anyone not following the Expected Standard of Behaviour will be asked to leave site.

If you feel unwell or have someone in your household self isolating do not attend site.

Inform the site supervisor if you feel unwell during your visit to site or after you have left the site.

To ensure that you are not put 'at risk' while on our sites, only work as instructed by the site supervisor is to be carried out.

Conclusion.

Working in line with the above guidelines and on outdoor site, in line with the supervisors instruction, we believe that all attending volunteers, and the general public, can work safely with respect of the Covid-19 restrictions.

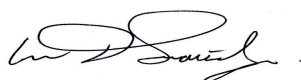
If you feel that you are in an 'at risk' group, for health or age reason, please ensure that you are safe and consider staying at home. There will be other working parties to attend.

Prior to attending any site you will be asked to read and sign a 'Site Induction' form. If you are requested to attend one of our sites, you will be emailed a copy of the form. This is to prevent cross contamination by using a single form and pen on site. Alternatively, bring the form to site and hand it to the site supervisor if you are unable to email it back. Without the form you will not be allowed to work.

References.

HM Government document 'Working safe during Covid-19 in construction and other outdoor activities' 11/05/20.

IWA Guidance notes 'Restoration & Branch work parties during Coronavirus' 12/05/20.



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