

# St Cuthbert (Out) Parish Council

## RISK ASSESSMENT

### WELLS ROAD ALLOTMENTS BA5 1QU

Hazard	Person at risk	Control / monitoring
Blisters, minor cuts, abrasions	Tenants & guests	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Wear work clothes, not fabric</li> <li>2. Keep hands as clean as possible</li> <li>3. Keep up to date with tetanus inoculations</li> <li>4. First Aid kit on site should contain plasters and wipes</li> </ol>
Accidents with tools	Tenants & guests	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Wear boots or other appropriate footwear</li> <li>2. Inspect site prior to work</li> <li>3. Keep tools well-maintained to be safe to use</li> <li>4. Discard all faulty equipment</li> <li>5. Only use tools in correct manner and according to function</li> <li>6. Where non-standard (eg powered) equipment is required, seek appropriate advice.</li> </ol>
Sharps: needles, razor blades, nails	Tenants & guests	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Do not lift leaves etc with hands</li> <li>2. Use rakes / boards etc</li> <li>3. Wear boots and gloves</li> <li>4. Use sharps box to discard any sharps</li> <li>5. Do not compact sharps box with feet or hands</li> </ol>
Moving, lifting or handling loads	Tenants & guests	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Assess load and location</li> <li>2. Seek help if required</li> <li>3. Research best practice in manual handling (<a href="#">link</a>)</li> </ol>
Uneven ground, trip hazards	Tenants & guests	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be aware of the state of ground being worked on</li> <li>2. Wear footwear with a good grip</li> <li>3. Take extra care if working on slippery ground</li> <li>4. All access routes must be kept free from materials and debris at all times</li> </ol>
Bacterial infections	Tenants & guests	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be aware that illness and infection can be caused by poor garden hygiene</li> <li>2. Take care not to put hands in mouth or around mouth, nose and eyes when gardening</li> <li>3. Wash hands carefully before eating</li> <li>4. Cover cuts or grazes with waterproof dressings while working in the garden</li> <li>5. Garden produce should be washed thoroughly before eating</li> </ol>
Plant allergies	Tenants & guests	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be aware you may be allergic to certain plants and if so avoid contact</li> <li>2. Try to wear gloves at all times</li> <li>3. Wash hands thoroughly at the end of each session</li> </ol>
Garden chemicals	Tenants & guests	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All chemicals should be clearly marked, stored and used according to manufacturer's</li> </ol>

		instructions by competent people only.
Sunburn	Tenants & guests	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Wear suitable clothing.</li> <li>2. Wear a high factor protective sun cream. It is the individual's own responsibility to use it.</li> <li>3. Drink adequate fluids to stay hydrated.</li> <li>4. Take breaks when required.</li> </ol>
Hypothermia	Tenants & guests	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Wear warm outdoor clothing – waterproof clothing if required.</li> </ol>
Fire	Tenants & guests	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Emergency evacuation procedures to be in place and understood by all tenants***</li> <li>2. No smoking in enclosed spaces or near garden chemicals.</li> </ol>
Bee & wasp stings (anaphylaxis)	Tenants & guests	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be aware of environment and do not provoke bees or wasps.</li> <li>2. Stay clear of bee or wasp hives / bikes.</li> <li>3. If stung by bee or wasp, seek help.</li> <li>4. Leave area if necessary.</li> <li>5. Visit Minor Injuries if any reaction to stings becomes evident</li> </ol>
Polytunnels, sheds & loose equipment	Tenants & guests	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Keep in good state</li> <li>2. Ensure tethered in case of high winds.</li> <li>3. Dispose of damaged coverings off-site</li> </ol>
Composting	Tenants & guests	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Wear face mask and gloves when turning compost heaps.</li> </ol>
Animal manures	Tenants & guests	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Wear gloves when handling animal manures and wash hands thoroughly afterwards</li> </ol>
Water butts	Tenants & guests	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Garden produce and hands should not be washed with water from water butts, troughs or taps.</li> </ol>
Working in public spaces	Council staff, contractors tenants & guests	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If employed by the council, wear high visibility jackets</li> <li>2. Exclude public if necessary</li> <li>3. Ensure machine-operated tools are operated by qualified people</li> </ol>
Covid-19	Tenants & guests	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ensure you observe government guidelines for social distancing.</li> <li>2. Ensure you observe government guidelines for thorough handwashing after gardening sessions and again on returning home.</li> <li>3. Ensure you observe government guidelines for gardening or working with the relevant support bubbles only.</li> <li>4. Ensure you observe government guidelines for avoiding contact with your face.</li> <li>5. Avoid sharing tools, carriers or pots with other tenants.</li> </ol>