**DRAUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**RISK ASSESSMENT – VERGE TRIMMING 2018**

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| **Hazard** | **Risk of hazard occurring** | **Persons affected** | **Controls to minimise risk** |
| Ignition of fuel leading to fire, explosion or skin burns, especially during re-fuelling | Low | OperatorOccupant of property where equipment stored | * No smoking allowed.
* Equipment refuelled outdoors using funnel.
* Petrol keg and fuel tank securely capped after use.
* Safe filling instructions and training provided.
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| Injury from contact with moving parts | High | Operator & team members. | * Equipment serviced annually by competent person.
* Guards and their fixings checked by operator before and after every use. Council notified if maintenance required.
* Team instructions include safe system of work. These emphasise rollover risks and associated precautions.
* Operators trained not to put hand in chute and not to place hands underneath to lift unit.
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| Road traffic incident whilst moving equipment from place to place. | Medium | Operator & team members. | * All road movements have second person to watch the road.
* Operator trained not to drive **across** gradients to reduce rollover risk.
* Hi vis garments /tabards made available to all team members.
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| Strain injury whilst operating equipment. | High | Operator & team members | * Team instructions include correct techniques for manual handling of equipment.
* Minimum 2 people in team, to cope with occasional need for manhandling after rollover for example.
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| **Hazard** | **Risk of hazard occurring** | **Persons affected** | **Controls to minimise risk** |
| Road traffic incident whilst mowing or strimming. | High | Operator, team members, passing pedestrian, cyclists. | * Team wear hi vis tabard or garments.
* One member of team always on lookout duty.
* Strimmer operators stand on grass verge, not the road, to strim.
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| Accident caused by Operator with insufficient knowledge. | High | Team members, passing pedestrians, cyclists. | All team members receive written instructions in equipment operation (including safe system of work) and a copy of this risk assessment. |
| Eye injury from flying particles or from low hanging twigs | High | Team members, especially strimmer operators from flying particles; and mower drivers from low hanging twigs | * Team members wear safety specs.
* Protruding twigs at mower’s eye level trimmed before mowing, as a separate start-of-season precaution.
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| Hearing damage from motor noise | Medium | Strimmer operators | Strimmer operators wear ear plugs |

I confirm that I have received a copy of this Risk Assessment and Equipment Operating Instructions (including safe systems of work), that I have understood them and will follow the advice they contain:

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