

Health & Safety Risk Assessment for Time Team Dig

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Hazard/Risk	Who could be affected by hazard.	Likelihood of being affected	Worst consequence of being affected	Risk Level	How hazard/risk is mitigated	Residual risk level
Infection in new or existing wound from contact with soil.	FST VSA VC	2	10	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FST to warn of danger and provide surgical gloves and waterproof plasters to protect existing or new injuries. • FST to ensure VSA has first Aid kit with sufficient supplies to cater for group. • FST to ensure any new injury or wound is immediately washed before waterproof plaster and/or surgical glove is used. • FST to remind all VSA VC to wash hands with soap and hot water after activity or before any food is handled. • Hooke Court to check the soil and back fill during construction, and during/after each excavation for any glass or other sharps that might cause injury. 	LOW
Injury caused through slip, trip or fall into trench or immediate working area.	FST VSA VC CGS	5	5	25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trench to be lined with boards. FST to inspect boards prior to activity. • All debris and stones to be removed from site prior to the activity by FST. • VC to be advised by FST on how to move about the site. • Carpet tiles to be laid down on wet mud to reduce risk of slipping. • FST to take careful account of ground conditions and adjust activity accordingly. • Access to the trenches to be controlled at all times to prevent accidental fall into trenches • Hooke Court to restrict the number of individuals working in the area to 45 	LOW

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Injury caused by the use of trowels, digging or soil removal equipment.	FST VSA VC	2	40	80	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FST to advise VC in the use of trowels etc, and work with VS to closely supervise work throughout duration of activity. FST to advise safe working practice with all tools and digging equipment. Hooke Court to ensure the size of equipment and tools are suitable for the children who will be using them. Hooke Court and FST to ensure that the amount of soil needing to be removed is suitable for the group involved in the activity. 	LOW
Injury cause to VC when removing soil from the trench	FST VSA VC	2	20	40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FST to give advice on soil removal and dumping. FST and Hooke Court to restrict the size of buckets and equipment available to the group. Hooke Court to ensure sufficient numbers of dist pans or similar to aid soil removal from stonework. FST to ensure firm footing available for anyone transporting soil to and from dump site. 	LOW

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Stomach upset, virus or disease caused by contact or ingestion of water, mud, or general dirt.	FST VSA VC	2	20	40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FST to warn of danger to group if they don't follow simple safety guidelines. To include not putting fingers into mouth, chewing pencils etc. FST/VSA to ensure VC do not splash water or mud whilst in or around work site. FST/VSA/VC to wash hands with soap and hot water after activity. 	LOW
Stomach upset, virus or reaction caused by insect/reptile bite, or contact with poisonous plants or fungi	FST VSA VC CGS	1	75	75	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FST to warn of danger caused by snakes and biting insects, VSA/VC must inform FST of anything remotely causing concern. FST to be aware of plants and fungi to be avoided and check activity site prior to activity taking place for potential hazard. FST to clearly state that nothing should be eaten found in the woods or countryside, even if individuals think they know what it is. FST to be aware of insects which may cause infections/reactions or diseases. FST to ensure that they are familiar with any seasonal berries, fungi or plants that may effect any member of the party. This information should be included in the general introduction and efforts made to avoid any areas that may present a higher than normal risk. 	LOW

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