



PILTON GREEN MAN CIO

Charity No 1170742

VOLUNTEER HEALTH AND SAFETY ON MANNING'S PIT

Manning's Pit is managed by The Friends of Manning's Pit (FoMP) Sub-Committee of the CIO. Key contacts are Chris Bulpett tel: 07812 704694, Christine Lovelock tel: 01271 376594.

Volunteers from the community may carry out maintenance on the land, like grass cutting, undergrowth clearance, hedge planting and laying, litter-picking, fence and gate installation and repair, tree planting, and other related activities.

A detailed risk assessment for volunteers carrying out maintenance tasks on and off the land is available by following the link [Volunteer Work Risk Assessment](#). It sets out the key risks and mitigation measures to be followed when carrying out tasks.

All volunteers will be briefed on the tasks they are asked to perform. They must be equipped with appropriate safety equipment provided by themselves or by the FoMP. They will also be provided with a copy of the above detailed risk assessment, as appropriate.

Specific safety guidance for volunteers includes:

- Follow the current Covid-19 restrictions as required by the Government
- Be aware of working on uneven ground
- Follow the country code, closing gates, taking litter home, keeping dogs under control, etc. On the permitted access area to the north of Bradiford Water all dogs must be on a lead.
- Be aware of livestock
- Do not work alone
- Take care when working near Bradiford Water especially at time of high flow.
- Take care when lifting heavy objects and handling wire
- Wear suitable clothing, safety glasses and gloves as appropriate
- Be aware of poisonous plants, fungi and insect stings
- Be aware of ticks and waterborne diseases
- Have a tetanus immunisation before working
- The leader of the volunteer party will have ready access to a first aid kit for minor injuries
- Be aware of falling trees and debris
- It is forbidden for volunteers to use chainsaws and brushcutters
- Keep fires under control
- Do not move or touch dead animals but notify the FoMP.

In the event of the need to report any incidences on the land, e.g. dead animals, broken fences or gates, volunteers and public should call 01271 376594 or 07812 704694.

In the event of life-threatening injuries, dial '999'. The North Devon District Hospital A&E Department is 1km east of the site. The postcode of the Windsor Road entrance is EX31 1QG.