




Friars Cliff Beach Care

Beach Clean Risk Assessment

This risk assessment is not a definitive listing of all potential hazards but aims to identify common hazards that may present themselves during beach clean events to ensure that controls are in place to protect the health and safety of participants and organisers.

Location	Friars Cliff Beach	Date	04/02/2024 12/05/2024 18/08/2024 03/11/2024 16/02/2025
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Assessor Name	Amelia Raine	Details of Activity:
Assessor Signature		Collection of beach litter and debris Survey of area
People at Risk	Volunteers and Organisers	

Hazard Type	Hazard Details	Controls in Place
Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Spread of Covid-19 (Coronavirus) Transfer of virus through poor personal hygiene.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Gel sanitiser available for volunteersHand washing facilities available at the locationSafety advice provided to attendees
Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Contamination - Transfer of virus from multiple people touching and moving items. This could then be transferred to other surfaces or to the face	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Individuals observing social distancing guidelinesGood hand hygienePPE as requiredNumber of attendees limited in accordance with guidelinesWearing of gloves where more than one person required to remove an item of litter, those gloves to be disposed of after use.
Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">2m Social Distancing Guidance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Safety advice provided to attendeesSocial distancing monitored throughout eventEvent to be terminated early if guidelines are not being adhered to
Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Symptoms of Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Volunteers told not to attend if they have any symptomsAny volunteer seen to be displaying symptoms during an event to be sent home and provided with guidanceIf any attendee later advises the volunteer leader that they have developed Covid-19, the volunteer lead will contact the Public Health Authority to discuss the case, identify people who have been in contact with them and will take advice on any actions or precautions that should be taken
Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Volunteers with underlying health conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Volunteers who have underlying health conditions should not volunteer during the Covid-19 outbreak.
Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Volunteers who are over 70 years of age	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Volunteers who are over the age of 70 are not recommended to volunteer during the period of the Covid-19 outbreak due to being within the at-risk groups.It is up to individual volunteers who are over 70 to decide their own risk to Covid-19 and take the



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		necessary precautions before undertaking volunteering
Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shared tools during activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sharing of tools to be minimised. Each person will be issued with their own equipment Gloves not to be shared between volunteers
Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correct use of PPE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PPE is recommended as a precautionary measure when direct contact (within 2 metres) is necessary and it is not possible to ascertain in advance the health status of individuals. PPE is not required when risk is managed through social distancing Face coverings to be worn if social distancing cannot be enforced. Safety advice provided to attendees
Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aggressive members of the public who are not social distancing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteers asked to interact with the public in a considered and polite manner Safety advice provided to attendees
Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Busy sites 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If site areas become too busy and / or social distancing cannot be maintained, the event will be cancelled either at the start or cut short as required
General	<p>Typical uncontrolled outcomes: Minor cuts, bruises, burns, lower back pain, verbal abuse, contracting disease, blisters, sunburn, participation of children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weather conditions Contact with Hand tools Contact with micro-organisms such as tetanus Slips, trips and falls Manual handling Abuse/Attack from member of public Under 16s supervision 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep equipment clean & tidy Plan any lifting, ensure bags of litter are easy to lift. Wear sturdy footwear Wash hands before eating / drinking Protect cuts and avoid sea/river/pond water Keep skin covered, use high factor sun cream if required. Do not carry out the litter pick for more than two hours. Always take regular breaks and seek shade if needed In cold weather ensure wearing appropriate warm weather clothing Cancel your clean if the weather is too dangerous to proceed (fog, storm, heavy rain, snow) Park vehicles to enable quick access in case of emergency. Under 16's supervised by parent/guardian at all times Do carry a mobile phone in case of emergencies.
Litter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Broken Glass, sharp objects Sharps, used personal waste items Dog faeces Risk of conflict, i.e., asking member of public to stop littering Hazardous materials – drums with hazardous symbol, bombs, explosives Disposable BBQS Dead animals Over filling rubbish bags Fly tipping 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants to only pick up litter with litter pickers Use heavy duty, tough gloves to protect hands Sharps should be reported to the group leaders or the BCP council waste team. If you are unsure of whether the litter is hazardous or not, leave it and contact the BCP council waste team: https://www.bcpccouncil.gov.uk/Bins-waste-and-recycling/Bins/Medical-sharps.aspx Broken glass should be collected separately to other litter and put in a sealable ice-cream tub or other container Avoid contact with dog faeces Advise participants not to confront anyone littering Do not overfill sacks, ensure the bag is comfortable to carry and if struggling start a fresh bag.



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If items are too heavy to lift alone leave to heavy lifting group if you are able to have one in operation • Participants not to hold sacks against body • If you come across any bombs DO NOT TOUCH contact the Police and work with them to help evacuate the area if they advise to do so • Abandoned disposable BBQs can still be very hot therefore proceed with caution and only pick up if you are sure it has cooled • Do not touch animals (dead or alive) including jellyfish, birds, bait boxes with maggots or other bait. • If an item is stuck (beware as items may be tethered) then please leave item alone. • If you see fly-tipped items report to the BCP Council waste team: https://www.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/Bins-waste-and-recycling/Flytipping.aspx
Beach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being Trapped by incoming tides • Large waves surging onto beach • Rip currents • Unstable cliffs, falling debris 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check tide times and do not to go into areas that can be cut-off by tides. • Stay away from the water's edge, extra caution should be taken when waves are large. • Stay away from landslides, caves or overhanging/unstable looking cliffs. • Identify areas of unstable cliffs & areas that are likely to be cut-off by tides.
Vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact with moving traffic • Crossing roads 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prior to litter pick the individual or group leader should assess the level of risk associated with any road, car park or area where vehicles are likely to occur. • High speed roads should never be litter picked by community groups or individuals. If you are concerned about the level of litter please contact BCP Council: https://www.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/Roads-and-transport/Report-a-problem-on-a-road-or-pavement/Report-litter-rubbish-or-overflowing-bins.aspx • Advise participants of the risks associated with the hazard and inform them of areas which should not be accessed. • Extra care should be taken with children who should always be supervised by an adult. • Hi-vis tabards to be worn if needed.
Location Specific	Rock Groynes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advise participants not to climb over the rock groynes