

Restore Habitat UK

Risk Assessment & Method Statement

Project: Community Orchard & Habitat Restoration

Location: Runcorn Road Recreation Ground

Date: 23 March 2026

Risk Assessment

Hazard	Who at Risk	Control Measures	Risk Level
Uneven Ground / Trips	Public, Volunteers	Maintain clear paths, inspections, remove hazards	Low
Use of Tools	Volunteers	Briefing, PPE, supervision, safe storage	Low
Wildlife (Stings)	Public, Volunteers	Signage, awareness, first aid kit	Low
Weather Conditions	All	Monitor conditions, suspend in extremes	Low
Public Interaction	Public	Signage, no tools left unattended	Low
Plant Structures	Public	Maintain safely, no sharp edges	Low
Vandalism	Site/Public	Regular presence, report incidents	Medium
Manual Handling	Volunteers	Team lifting, guidance	Low
Dogs	Public	Signage, monitoring	Low

All activities will be covered by public liability insurance of at least £5 million. Risk assessments will be reviewed annually.

Method Statement

The project involves the establishment of a community orchard and habitat restoration area.

Site Preparation

- 1 Initial inspection of site
- 2 Clear minor debris and hazards
- 3 Define pathways and work areas

Planting Works

- 1 Mark planting locations
- 2 Use hand tools to plant trees and shrubs
- 3 Install protective guards where necessary

Habitat Creation

- 1 Create natural features such as log piles and planting zones
- 2 Develop structures such as willow huts using natural materials

Ongoing Maintenance

- 1 Regular inspections of site
- 2 Maintain paths and planting
- 3 Ensure safe condition of all features

Health & Safety

- 1 All volunteers briefed prior to work
- 2 Tools used safely and stored securely
- 3 First aid provision available
- 4 Activities paused in unsafe conditions

Conclusion

This project will be managed responsibly to ensure safety, environmental benefit, and community engagement.