



# THE DAVA WAY ASSOCIATION HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

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# 1. Health and Safety Policy Statement

This is the Health and Safety Policy Statement of the **Dava Way Association (DWA)**, a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SC030496) that undertakes maintenance and improvement work on the Dava Way using volunteers.

The DWA as a voluntary organisation, is not legally required to produce a Health and Safety Policy however, the DWA does recognise that as a voluntary organisation, it has a Duty of Care to its volunteers. As a responsible organisation, the existence of a Health and Safety Policy and associated risk assessments helps to demonstrate that the organisation takes its Duty of Care responsibilities seriously.

## Our Statement of General Policy is

- 1.1. To provide adequate control of the health and safety risks arising from our voluntary activities
- 1.2. To consult with volunteers on matters affecting their health and safety
- 1.3. To provide and maintain safe plant, tools and equipment
- 1.4. To provide appropriate information, instruction and supervision for volunteers
- 1.5. To ensure volunteers are competent to undertake tasks
- 1.6. To provide appropriate training to volunteers using defined specialist equipment
- 1.7. To take reasonable measures to prevent accidents
- 1.8. To maintain safe and healthy working conditions
- 1.9. To review and revise this policy annually

Signed.....

Chairman on behalf of DWA Trustees

Date.....

Review Date.....

This revised Health and Safety Policy Statement document was formally adopted by the Dava Way Committee at a meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026

# 2. Responsibilities

- 2.1 Overall and final responsibility for health and safety rests with the Trustees of the DWA
- 2.2 To ensure health and safety standards are maintained, the following DWA Trustees and volunteers have responsibility in the following areas
  - 2.2.1 DWA Trustee running a work party - completion of Risk Assessments for work planned
  - 2.2.2 Custodians (as listed in Appendix A) of the power tools, spraying and other equipment for providing instructions for their use
  - 2.2.3 For DWA Projects, the nominated Project Manager is responsible for ensuring that DWA Health and Safety Policy is followed.
- 2.3 To be allowed to take part with working parties, all volunteers are expected to
  - 2.3.1 Co-operate with Work Party Coordinator and Trustees regarding health and safety matters
  - 2.3.2 Not interfere with anything provided to safeguard their health and safety
  - 2.3.3 Take reasonable care of their own and other volunteers' health and safety
  - 2.3.4 Ensure that they are wearing appropriate PPE for work party activities
  - 2.3.5 Refrain from working in water after suffering any cuts or grazes
  - 2.3.6 Immediately inform the Work Party Coordinator or Trustee if they do not feel confident in using any hand tools or powered equipment
  - 2.3.7 Report all health and safety concerns to the Work Party Coordinator
- 2.4 Volunteers will not normally work with external contractors, but on occasions when the DWA employ external contractors, those external contractors' health and safety policies and risk assessments will take precedence over any DWA policy or risk assessment. In these circumstances all trustees and volunteers will follow the health and safety guidance provided by the external contractor.

### **3. Health and Safety Risks arising from our Volunteer Activities**

- 3.1 Risks associated with the activities necessary to maintain the Dava Way have been assessed and managed using the process described in Appendix B. The process includes regular review of risks and creation of specific risk assessments by:
  - 3.1.1 The Working Party Coordinator and nominated Trustees with relevant experience when instructed to produce project specific risk assessments by Trustees.
  - 3.1.2 The custodians of the power tools for the power tools they hold.
  - 3.1.3 The certified custodian for all the chainsaw power tools used on behalf of the DWA
- 3.2 Generic risk assessments for normal work party activities will be undertaken by the Working Party Coordinator using the format provided in Appendix B
- 3.3 The findings of the risk assessments will be reported to Trustees of the DWA for approval
- 3.4 Action required to manage risks will be approved by Trustees of the DWA

- 3.5 Individual custodians named in Appendix A will be responsible for ensuring action required is implemented in their areas of responsibility
- 3.6 Individual custodians named in Appendix A will check that the implemented actions have removed/reduced the risks in their areas of responsibility
- 3.7 Risk Assessments will be reviewed annually and after any near miss or incident, or when the volunteer activity changes.

## **4. Consultation with Volunteers**

- 4.1 Health and Safety will be an agenda item at each Annual Members Meeting (AMM) of the DWA, when volunteers will be invited to raise issues
  - 4.2 Approximately 6 weeks prior to each AMM regular volunteers will be contacted to determine whether they have any health and safety concerns
  - 4.3 A brief discussion at the end of each work party will ascertain whether any volunteer had any health and safety concerns to report. Volunteers' concerns will be documented by the Working Party Coordinator and reported to the Trustees.

## 5. Safe Plant and Equipment

- 5.1 Appointed Dava Way Association Trustees and Volunteers (see Appendix A) will be responsible for identifying which tools and equipment need maintenance and for undertaking and keeping a record of all basic day to day maintenance tasks to ensure that plant/equipment is suitable for use by volunteers. These individuals will be responsible for ensuring that all identified maintenance is either implemented or the equipment quarantined from use. Any problems found with plant/equipment beyond the scope of basic day to day maintenance is to be reported to Trustees.
- 5.2 Where deemed appropriate, power tools and equipment are to be serviced externally by recognised service agents at an interval determined by the custodian following their formal operating and maintenance training and in accordance with the Operating Manual or Installation Instructions.
- 5.3 All new powered tools and equipment purchased will be checked and assessed regarding DWA health and safety requirements. Following initial checks and assessment a custodian will be appointed and Appendix A updated. Training requirements and risk assessments must be in place before any equipment is used by volunteers on a work party.

## 6. Information, Instruction and Supervision

- 6.1 The Dava Way is a voluntary organisation and the level of information and instruction given on plant/equipment use should be appropriate for volunteers.
- 6.2 There will be no compulsion on volunteers to receive information and instruction if they do not wish to receive same on the use of any item of plant/equipment. However, receipt of safety information and basic instruction will be required before powered plant/equipment can be used by trustees or volunteers.
- 6.3 Most tools and equipment used by volunteers are similar to those frequently used in the average garden and in these cases, where use of these is considered to be a life skill, appropriate information, instruction and initial supervision is considered by the DWA to be sufficient. No trustee/volunteer will be allowed to use equipment unsupervised until both trainer and trainee are satisfied that an acceptable level of competence exists.
- 6.4 For life skill power tools, basic information and instruction followed by initial supervision. This will be provided by a DWA volunteer or tool custodian who has received recognised training to operate that item of equipment.
- 6.5 The use of chainsaw or pole saw will be restricted to only those trustees or volunteers who have passed nationally recognised training in the use of this specialist equipment.
- 6.6 The use of strimmers will be restricted to only those trustees or volunteers who have received nationally recognised training in the use of this specialist equipment or have been instructed in how to use the equipment by a DWA Trustee who holds the relevant qualification.
- 6.7 Spraying of encroaching vegetation will be carried out only by volunteers who hold a nationally recognised qualification or who are spraying under the supervision of someone who holds a qualification.

6.8 No specific instruction or information on use of hand tools will be provided by the DWA, but induction training on safe on-site storage whilst not in use and corrective guidance on any observed misuse of hand tools will be given by any trustee attending a work party.

#### 6.9 Life Skills Equipment and Operations

##### 6.9.1 Life Skills equipment

- Petrol driven strimmers fitted with chord cutters
- Petrol driven Billy Goat Rough-cutter
- Hydraulic Tipping trailer
- Leaf Blower
- Water Pump
- Petrol Plate Compactor (Whacker Plate)
- Ride On Mower
- Stand Alone Power Washer

##### 6.9.2 Life Skills operations include the following

- Driving personal 4x4 vehicles on the Dava Way or associated access routes
- Driving 4x4 vehicles on the Dava Way or associated off public road access routes with the approval of the vehicle owner
- Towing trailers subject to national driving licence restrictions and DVLA towing regulations

## 7. Accidents, Near Misses and First Aid

7.1 All accidents or near misses must be reported to the Work Party Coordinator who will keep a record and investigate. The investigation will report to the Trustees whether further control measures are required within risk assessments.

7.2 Any pattern of health and safety concerns reported by volunteers and collated by the Work Party Coordinator to be considered by the Trustees on whether further control measures are required within risk assessments.

7.3 DWA Trustee organising a work party should ensure there is at least one working mobile phone or radio available for emergency use within each work party group.

7.4 As far as possible, at least one member of a work party group should be first aid qualified.

7.5 First Aid back packs are to be available at all work party locations and will include:

7.5.1 First Aid Kit box

7.5.2 Tick remover tool

7.5.3 Blank accident record sheets or book

7.5.4 Dava Way maps showing

- Mobile phone network coverage
- Vehicle access points
- Locked gates
- Head Torch

7.5.5 Instructions for use of Power Tools listed in App A

## Appendix A

### Custodians of Dava Way Association Tools and Equipment

With effect from 20/01/15, the Trustees and Volunteers who have been appointed as custodians of the Dava Way Association's power tools, are as follows:

Asset No	Tool	Description	Custodian	Wef Date/Notes
	Billy Goat	Petrol Driven roughcutter	Paul Barron	20 Jan 2015
	Strimmer (# 1)	Hand held petrol	Pete Mitchell	20 Jan 2015
	Strimmer (# 2)	Hand held petrol	Pete Mitchell	20 Jan 2015
	Strimmer (# 3)	Hand held petrol	Pete Mitchell	20 Jan 2015
	Tipping Trailer	Hydraulic	Pete Mitchell	20 Jan 2015
Not recorded	Hand Tools	Various DWA Owned	Pete Mitchell	20 Jan 2015
	Leaf Blower	Petrol Driven	Paul Barron	19 Apr 2022
	Spraying Equipment ( 2 sets)	Hand Held, not powered	Clive Roberts	19 Apr 2022
	Water Pump	Petrol Driven	Paul Barron	19 Apr 2022
	Petrol Plate Compactor (Whacker Plate)	Petrol Driven	Pete Mitchell	19 Apr 2022
	Ride on Mower	Petrol Driven	Pete Mitchell	19 Apr 2022
	Chipper	Petrol Driven	Neil Sinclair	19 Apr 2022
	Stand Alone Power Washer	Battery powered domestic washer	Neil Sinclair	Sep 25

Routine servicing to be carried out by the Custodian,

Repairs to be carried out by specialist

## Appendix B

### Dava Way Association Risk Management Procedure

The Dava Way Association manages risk to:

- minimise the possibility of accidents or injury to volunteers and users of the Dava Way
- reduce the risk of damage to equipment and the Dava Way itself
- ensure the DWA maintains its status as a respected charity which can attract funding

The risk assessment process involves working systematically through 4 key steps:

1. Identify and document the risks using the Template at Figure 1. Typical risks are listed in Tables 1 and 2.
2. Categorise the seriousness of these risks according to likelihood and impact using the Matrix grid at Figure 2.
  - a. Where a risk on the Matrix is assessed as “high”, work must not proceed.
  - b. Where it is assessed as “Medium”, mitigation action should be considered to lower the risk to “low” before proceeding.
3. Identify and implement measures for managing the risks.
4. Regularly review the risk assessments to factor in change of conditions or circumstances (Dynamic Risk Assessment)

**Figure 1. Template Risk Assessment**

#	Area	Description	Likelihood	Impact	Priority	Owner	Risk Mitigation Plan	Progress	Review Date	Current Status
1	Health and Safety	Volunteers injured while working on Dava Way	Low	Low		Work Party Coord	Hand Tool Instruction given where relevant Power tools used only by trained volunteers Instructions for use of power tools available Supervision of work party activity			
2	Health and Safety	User on Dava Way injured by work party	Low	Low		Work Party Coord	Install warning boards at each of section being worked Encourage look out for users on DW Carry whistles			
3	Health and Safety	Damage to 3rd Party property while working on Dava Way	Low	Low		Work Party Coord	Conduct pre-work party brief where there is a risk to 3rd party property			
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**Table 1. Standard Activities for Volunteers working on the Dava Way**

Clearing vegetation Digging Piping Gravel shovelling Spraying	Lopping /sawing Clearing Sweeping Chipping	Construction Lifting Machinery use Driving
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**Table 2. Typical Conditions and Constraints Working on the Dava Way**

Weather conditions Natural Hazards Working at Height	Hazardous Vegetation Fences, Bridges Pylons, Power Lines	Other users Tractors, Horses, Bikes
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**Figure 2. DWA Risk Matrix**

<b>DWA Risk Matrix</b>					
	<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>Very Likely</b>	<b>Likely</b>	<b>Unlikely</b>	<b>Highly Unlikely</b>
<b>Consequence</b>	<b>Catastrophic/ Fatal Injury</b>	High	High	High	Medium
	<b>Serious/ Major Injury</b>	High	High	Medium	Medium
	<b>Minor/Minor Injury</b>	High	Medium	Medium	Low
	<b>Negligible Impact</b>	Medium	Medium	Low	Low

## Safe Use of the Billy Goat

<b>Document Owner</b>	Custodian of the Billy Goat is responsible for the content of this document (Paul Barron)
<b>Qualification</b>	The Custodian of the DWA Billy Goat should hold a Certificate of Competence recognised by LANTRA or have received appropriate training
<b>Permission</b>	Landowner permission is not required prior to Billy Goat operations
<b>EMERGENCY CONTACT</b>	Medical advice should be sought via “999” or “111” as appropriate
<b>Who may Operate the Billy Goat</b>	The Custodian DWA volunteers may operate the Billy Goat during work parties provided they are supervised by the Custodian or have satisfied the Custodian that they are competent.
<b>Competent Volunteers as at Date</b>	Trevor Thornley, Alex Ross, Wils Metcalf, Doug Hartley, Pete Mitchell
<b>PPE and Safety Equipment</b>	All Billy Goat operators must wear suitable PPE <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Visor, ear defenders and gloves</li> <li>2. Stout footwear</li> <li>3. Hi Viz</li> </ol> <p>A First Aid kit is to be readily available</p>
<b>Restrictions and Safe Use</b>	Billy Goat should be operated and maintained in accordance with manufacturer’s Instructions Billy Goat operations will only take place during suitable weather conditions (to be determined by the Custodian or competent volunteer) Caution Signs are to be displayed Billy Goat operations must cease temporarily if members of the public and/or other work party members are within 5m Billy Goat is not suitable for use on sloping ground Billy Goat should not be used where stems are >50mm
<b>RISK ASSESSMENT</b>	Providing all elements of the DWA Billy Goat policy are adhered to, then the generic risk assessment for Billy Goat operations is “Low” However, the Custodian is to modify the Risk Assessment dynamically as any situation dictates and will cease Billy Goat operations altogether if the Risk Assessment exceeds Low/Medium

## Safe Use Strimmers

<b>Document Owner</b>	Custodian of the DWA Strimmers is responsible for the content of this document (Paul Barron)
<b>Qualification</b>	The Custodian of the DWA Strimmers should hold a Certificate of Competence recognised by LANTRA or have received appropriate training
<b>Permission</b>	Landowner permission is not required prior to Strimmer operations
<b>EMERGENCY CONTACT</b>	Medical advice should be sought via “999” or “111” as appropriate
<b>Who may Operate the DWA Strimmers</b>	The Custodian DWA volunteers may operate the Strimmers during work parties provided they are supervised by the Custodian or have satisfied the Custodian that they are competent.
<b>Competent Volunteers as at Date</b>	Trevor Thornley, Alex Ross, Wils Metcalf, Doug Hartley, Malcolm Campbell, Pete Mitchell
<b>PPE and Safety Equipment</b>	All Strimmer operators must wear suitable PPE <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Visor, ear defenders and gloves</li> <li>5. Stout footwear</li> <li>6. Hi Viz</li> </ol> <p>A First Aid kit is to be readily available</p>
<b>Restrictions and Safe Use</b>	Strimmers should be operated and maintained in accordance with manufacturers’ Instructions Strimmer operations will only take place during suitable weather conditions (to be determined by the Custodian or competent volunteer) Caution Signs are to be displayed Strimmer operations must cease temporarily if members of the public and/or other work party members are within 5m Strimmers (corded) should only be used to cut soft-stemmed vegetation Strimmers (bladed) should not be used where stems exceed approx. 10mm
<b>RISK ASSESSMENT</b>	Providing all elements of the DWA Strimming policy are adhered to, then the generic risk assessment for strimming operations is “Low” However, the Custodian is to modify the Risk Assessment dynamically as any situation dictates and will cease strimming operations altogether if the Risk Assessment exceeds Low/Medium

## Safe Use Leaf Blower

<b>Document Owner</b>	Custodian of the DWA Leaf Blower is responsible for the content of this document (Paul Barron)
<b>Qualification</b>	The Leaf Blower can be used by any competent DWA volunteer
<b>Permission</b>	Landowner permission is not required prior to Leaf Blower operations
<b>EMERGENCY CONTACT</b>	Medical advice should be sought via “999” or “111” as appropriate
<b>Who may Operate the Leaf Blower</b>	The Custodian DWA volunteers may operate the Leaf Blower during work parties provided they are supervised by the Custodian or have satisfied the Custodian that they are competent.
<b>Competent Volunteers as at Date</b>	All DWA Volunteers unless excluded by the Custodian
<b>PPE and Safety Equipment</b>	All Leaf Blower operators must wear suitable PPE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Visor, to safeguard eyes against blown debris</li> <li>8. Ear defenders and gloves</li> <li>9. Stout footwear</li> <li>10. Hi Viz</li> </ul> A First Aid kit is to be readily available
<b>Restrictions and Safe Use</b>	The Leaf Blower should be operated and maintained in accordance with manufacturer’s Instructions Leaf Blower operations will only take place during suitable weather conditions (to be determined by the Custodian or competent volunteer) Caution Signs are to be displayed Leaf Blower operations must cease temporarily if members of the public and/or other work party members are within 5m The blower should NEVER be directed towards other individuals
<b>RISK ASSESSMENT</b>	Providing all elements of the DWA Leaf Blower policy are adhered to, then the generic risk assessment for Leaf Blower operations is “Low” However, the Custodian is to modify the Risk Assessment dynamically as any situation dictates and will cease Leaf Blower operations altogether if the Risk Assessment exceeds Low/Medium

## Safe Use of Spraying Equipment

<b>Document Owner</b>	Custodian of the Spraying Equipment is responsible for the content of this document (Robbie Roberts)
<b>Qualification</b>	The Custodian of the DWA Spraying Equipment must hold a Certificate of Competence recognised by DEFRA (i.e. City and Guilds or similar)
<b>Permission</b>	Landowner permission must be obtained prior to spraying operations
<b>EMERGENCY CONTACT</b>	Medical advice is available 24 hrs by phoning National Chemical Emergency Centre on 01865 407333 or for doctors from the National Information Service on 0844 8920111
<b>Who May Spray</b>	The Custodian DWA volunteers may operate the spraying equipment during work parties provided they are supervised by the Custodian. If the Custodian is not present, then spraying operations will not take place
<b>Mixing and Usage Recording</b>	Only the Custodian may mix concentrate The Custodian will record all usage by type and quantity
<b>Post Spraying</b>	At the end of spraying operations, the Custodian is to ensure all equipment is rinsed three times in a suitable area
<b>PPE and Safety Equipment</b>	All spraying operators must wear suitable PPE as outlined by the Code of Practice for use of pesticides and herbicides 2005 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. Coveralls – Chemical Protective CAT 3 or higher</li> <li>12. Gloves – Nitrile or neoprene</li> <li>13. Boots – Rubber extending to immediately below the knee</li> <li>14. Eye protection when mixing concentrate</li> </ul> <p>Work Party Volunteers engaged in spraying operations should assist each other putting on PPE and the knapsacks</p> <p>A first aid kit and fresh water for rinsing is to be readily available</p>
<b>Restrictions and Safe Use</b>	Spray Operations will only take place during suitable weather conditions (to be determined by the Custodian) Caution Signs are to be displayed Spraying operations must temporarily cease to allow members of the public and other work party members to pass Operators must avoid contaminating eyes and wash hands thoroughly after handling equipment
<b>RISK ASSESSMENT</b>	Providing all elements of the DWA “Safe Use of Spraying Equipment” policy are adhered to, then the generic risk assessment for spraying operations is “Low/Med” However, the Custodian is to modify the Risk Assessment dynamically as any situation dictates and will cease spraying operations altogether if the Risk Assessment exceeds Low/Medium

## Safe Use of Petrol Water Pump

<b>Document Owner</b>	Custodian of the Petrol Water Pump is responsible for the content of this document (Pete Mitchell)
<b>Qualification</b>	The Custodian of the DWA Petrol Water Pump should have received appropriate training
<b>Permission</b>	Landowner permission is not required prior to Petrol Water Pump operations
<b>EMERGENCY CONTACT</b>	Medical advice should be sought via “999” or “111” as appropriate
<b>Who may Operate the Petrol Water Pump</b>	The Custodian DWA volunteers may operate the Petrol Water Pump during work parties provided they are supervised by the Custodian or have satisfied the Custodian that they are competent.
<b>Competent Volunteers as at Date</b>	Any competent volunteer as defined above
<b>PPE and Safety Equipment</b>	All Petrol Water Pump operators must wear suitable PPE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15. Visor, ear defenders and gloves</li> <li>16. Stout footwear</li> <li>17. Hi Viz</li> </ul> A First Aid kit is to be readily available
<b>Restrictions and Safe Use</b>	Petrol Water Pump should be operated and maintained in accordance with manufacturer’s Instructions Caution Signs are to be displayed
<b>RISK ASSESSMENT</b>	Providing all elements of the DWA Petrol Water Pump policy are adhered to, then the generic risk assessment for Petrol Water Pump operations is “Low” However, the Custodian is to modify the Risk Assessment dynamically as any situation dictates and will cease Petrol Water Pump operations altogether if the Risk Assessment exceeds Low/Medium

## Safe Use of the Whacker Plate

<b>Document Owner</b>	Custodian of the Whacker Plate (Petrol Plate Compactor) is responsible for the content of this document (Paul Barron)
<b>Qualification</b>	The Custodian of the DWA Whacker Plate should hold a Certificate of Competence recognised by LANTRA or have received appropriate training
<b>Permission</b>	Landowner permission is not required prior to Whacker Plate operations
<b>EMERGENCY CONTACT</b>	Medical advice should be sought via “999” or “111” as appropriate
<b>Who may Operate the Whacker Plate</b>	The Custodian DWA volunteers may operate the Whacker Plate during work parties provided they are supervised by the Custodian or have satisfied the Custodian that they are competent.
<b>Competent Volunteers as at Date</b>	Trevor Thornley, Wils Metcalf, Doug Hartley, Pete Mitchell, Paul Barron, Al Hughes
<b>PPE and Safety Equipment</b>	All Whacker Plate operators must wear suitable PPE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>18. Visor, ear defenders and gloves</li> <li>19. Stout footwear</li> <li>20. Hi Viz</li> </ul> A First Aid kit is to be readily available
<b>Restrictions and Safe Use</b>	Whacker Plate should be operated and maintained in accordance with manufacturer’s Instructions Whacker Plate operations will only take place during suitable weather conditions (to be determined by the Custodian or competent volunteer) Caution Signs are to be displayed Whacker Plate operations must cease temporarily if members of the public and/or other work party members are within 5m Whacker Plate is suitable for use only on level or slightly sloping ground
<b>RISK ASSESSMENT</b>	Providing all elements of the DWA Whacker Plate policy are adhered to, then the generic risk assessment for Whacker Plate operations is “Low” However, the Custodian is to modify the Risk Assessment dynamically as any situation dictates and will cease Whacker Plate operations altogether if the Risk Assessment exceeds Low/Medium

## Safe Use of the Ride on Mower

<b>Document Owner</b>	Custodian of the Ride on Mower is responsible for the content of this document (Pete Mitchell)
<b>Qualification</b>	The Custodian of the DWA Ride on Mower should have received appropriate training
<b>Permission</b>	Landowner permission is not required prior to Ride on Mower operations
<b>EMERGENCY CONTACT</b>	Medical advice should be sought via “999” or “111” as appropriate
<b>Who may Operate the Ride on Mower</b>	The Custodian DWA volunteers may operate the Ride on Mower during work parties provided they are supervised by the Custodian or have satisfied the Custodian that they are competent.
<b>Competent Volunteers as at Date</b>	Pete Mitchell, Paul Barron, Trevor Thornley and other competent volunteers
<b>PPE and Safety Equipment</b>	All Ride on Mower operators must wear suitable PPE <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>21. Visor, ear defenders and gloves</li> <li>22. Stout footwear</li> <li>23. Hi Viz</li> </ol> A First Aid kit is to be readily available
<b>Restrictions and Safe Use</b>	Ride on Mower should be operated and maintained in accordance with manufacturer’s Instructions Ride on Mower operations will only take place during suitable weather conditions (to be determined by the Custodian or competent volunteer) Caution Signs are to be displayed Ride on Mower operations must cease temporarily if members of the public and/or other work party members are within 5m Ride on Mower is not suitable for use on sloping ground
<b>RISK ASSESSMENT</b>	Providing all elements of the DWA Ride on Mower policy are adhered to, then the generic risk assessment for Ride on Mower operations is “Low” However, the Custodian is to modify the Risk Assessment dynamically as any situation dictates and will cease Ride on Mower operations altogether if the Risk Assessment exceeds Low/Medium

## Safe Use of the Wood Chipper

<b>Document Owner</b>	Custodian of the Wood Chipper is responsible for the content of this document (Neil Sinclair)
<b>Qualification</b>	The Custodian of the DWA Wood Chipper should hold a Certificate of Competence recognised by LANTRA or have received appropriate training
<b>Permission</b>	Landowner permission is not required prior to Wood Chipper operations
<b>EMERGENCY CONTACT</b>	Medical advice should be sought via “999” or “111” as appropriate
<b>Who may Operate the Wood Chipper</b>	The Custodian or any volunteer who has received formal training When the Wood Chipper is being used, the custodian and/or a trained volunteer must be in charge of the machine and direct loading operations
<b>Competent Volunteers as at Date</b>	Trevor Thornley, Malcolm Campbell, Neil Sinclair
<b>PPE and Safety Equipment</b>	The individual in charge of loading the Wood Chipper and any volunteer loading the Wood Chipper must wear suitable PPE . (Note, Loose fitting Hi Viz should not be worn)  24. Visor, ear defenders and gloves 25. Stout footwear 26. No loose clothing  A First Aid kit is to be readily available
<b>Restrictions and Safe Use</b>	Wood Chipper should be operated and maintained in accordance with manufacturer’s Instructions  Wood Chipper operations will only take place during suitable weather conditions (to be determined by the Custodian or competent volunteer)  Caution Signs are to be displayed  Wood Chipper operations must cease temporarily if members of the public and/or other work party members are within 5m  Branches and trunks should not exceed 75mm in diameter
<b>RISK ASSESSMENT</b>	Providing all elements of the DWA Wood Chipper policy are adhered to, then the generic risk assessment for Wood Chipper operations is “Low”  However, the Custodian is to modify the Risk Assessment dynamically as any situation dictates and will cease Wood Chipper operations altogether if the Risk Assessment exceeds Low/Medium

## Safe Use Stand Alone Power Washer

<b>Document Owner</b>	Custodian of the DWA Stand Alone Power Washer is responsible for the content of this document. (Neil Sinclair)
<b>Qualification</b>	No qualification required
<b>Permission</b>	Landowner permission is not required prior to Washer operations
<b>EMERGENCY CONTACT</b>	Medical advice should be sought via “999” or “111” as appropriate
<b>Who may Operate the DWA Strimmers</b>	The Custodian DWA volunteers may operate the Washer during work parties and at other times, provided they are supervised by the Custodian or have satisfied the Custodian that they are competent.
<b>Competent Volunteers as at Date</b>	All Trustees
<b>PPE and Safety Equipment</b>	All users of the washer are advised to wear goggles for eye protection
<b>Restrictions and Safe Use</b>	Do not use near children Do not direct stream at people, animals or any object that could be damaged by a jet of water Do not spray electrical apparatus or wiring Do not leave unattended with the battery connected Do not use a visibly damaged battery pack
<b>RISK ASSESSMENT</b>	The pressure washer is cordless unit sold primarily for domestic use . The risks of using it in accordance with manufacturer’s instructions is assessed as low.