

## VOLUNTEER DATA COLLECTION – CLEAN RIVER KENT CAMPAIGN

**Relevant Model or Site Risk Assessments**

Collection of information / data about the River Kent and it's users

The data collection will take place along the banks of the River Kent in Staveley and Burneside. Volunteers will have attended a training day at which discussion of safe working practice will be given. Volunteers will also have signed a disclaimer. SENS has relevant insurance cover for volunteer projects. Volunteers will be working in pairs. A copy of the risk assessment will be made available for volunteers to read.

First aid kit /defibrillator available @ The Pavilion, Staveley

Nature of hazard	Worst outcome	Groups at risk	Current precautions	Estimation of risk	Further precautions
Tripping etc. whilst walking up and down, dog bites	Minor injury	All participants	Participants to wear sensible footwear and trousers	Severity of hazard :low Likelihood of event :low Adequacy of controls : good	Review sites in advance and warn volunteers of uneven surfaces . Advised not to approach dogs unless owner says ok.
Falling in river	Minor injury	All participants involved with water sample collection	Participants to collect samples in pairs and take relevant precautions	Severity of hazard :low Likelihood of event :low Adequacy of controls : good	Review sites in advance and warn volunteers of any potential danger points. Ensure sampling techniques /equipment are appropriate.
Verbal or physical abuse by River Kent users	Minor injury	All participants	Volunteers to be provided with lanyards and branded t-shirts, plus information sheets explaining what they are doing, so no misunderstandings. Volunteers will be given training on how to seek permission for photographs, and provided with relevant release forms.	Severity of hazard :medium Likelihood of event :low Adequacy of controls :good	It is expected that all participants are responsible adults who will be used to dealing with members of the public. Volunteers will be advised to deescalate and avoid situations of potential conflict
Covid-19 infection	Feverish illness, hospitalisation, death	All participants	Participants will be outside in open air so risk relatively low.	Severity of hazard :low Likelihood of event :low Adequacy of controls :good	Masks and sanitiser will be available for use by volunteers if required.
Getting ill from ingesting river water	Minor sickness	All participants	Recommend that participants do not enter the water.	Severity of hazard :low Likelihood of event :low Adequacy of controls :good	Volunteers warned of potential danger of river water in specific locations
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