

Halesworth Millennium Green Trust



Safe System of work for Brushcutting and Strimming

Who/What might get harmed	Hazard identified	Risk Level	Risk Likelihood	Controls
Equipment Operator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact with moving parts • Flying debris • Slips Trips and falls • Exhaust fumes • Weather • Contact with fuel • Fire • Noise • Vibration 	Medium	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ An equipment safety check will be carried out at the start of each work period ▪ Appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) shall be worn including - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Snug fitting long trousers and long sleeved shirts 2. Steel toe capped footwear 3. Safety helmet with either mesh visor or safety glasses 4. A harness shall be worn to support the machine and the equipment will be operated by two hands 5. Ear defenders shall be worn by the operator at all times 6. Suitable protective Gloves ▪ No lone working is permitted. ▪ The equipment will not be operated if there is anyone within a 15m radius. ▪ The ground must be inspected and cleared of debris that may cause a hazard before work begins e.g. bottles, tin cans and dog excrement. ▪ The equipment will not be used on steep slopes where stable footing can not be maintained. ▪ The operator will take a 10 minute break after every tank of fuel with a 30 minute break after every 3 tanks. ▪ The equipment should not be used in strong winds or heavy rainfall. ▪ Operators should not cut close to objects that could cause damage to equipment e.g. wire fences or metal benches. ▪ The equipment should not be used within 15 m of a naked flame and no smoking is allowed in the work area, fuel storage area or equipment maintenance area. ▪ Protective gloves should be worn when refuelling the equipment. Fuel and oil should be stored at least 10m from the equipment being operated. ▪ The equipment should not be run indoors to prevent fume build up. ▪ The engine must be stopped prior to any maintenance being carried out on the equipment. ▪ An appropriate first aid kit is to be available at the worksite along with a method of

				communication for emergency contact
Members of the public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Flying debris ▪ Fuel 	Medium	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A banksman will be used at all times to alert the operator of approaching public. ▪ Banksman and the machine operator will wear high visibility vests. To alert the public of the work party. ▪ Signs should be placed either side of the work area to alert members of the public of the cutting operation.
The Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fuel • Fire 	Medium	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Store fuel to avoid ignition from any source such as fires or people smoking. Select a site shaded from direct sunlight and away from watercourses. ▪ Use fuel containers that incorporate a non spill spout. The containers must be clearly labelled and have caps that fit securely.

Additional Precautions implemented by Operator (N/A if none applied)

The above safe system of work has been implemented	
Name	Date
Start of work period time/ date	End of work period time/date

Maintenance – the equipment will be maintained in accordance with the manufacturers instructions

Training – All operators of the equipment will be trained for the equipment he/she is operating.

Record completion – Records regarding use and maintenance of the equipment will be kept by the Millennium Green Trust