



# RISK ASSESSMENT

## Ashworth Tasks - Empty ENWL Supply Cabinet v02

May 2024

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### TASK

Removing debris from the redundant ENWL supply cabinet.

### SCOPE

This Risk Assessment relates to removing high-risk debris from the redundant concrete chamber.

We believe there is a **foreseeable risk of discarded used needles** which carries a high risk of blood-borne diseases that could be transmitted by a needlestick injury including human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), hepatitis B and hepatitis C.

All sharps - discarded used needles - will be carefully placed into a 'Sharps Disposal Container'.

All non-combustible materials will be deposited into a hired skip.

Andrew Taylor, who has prior experience of working in high-risk areas, will supervise the removal operations.

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### LOCATION



### LOCATION REFERENCES

Reference	Gate on Ashworth Road	Compound
Postcode	OL11 5UP	NA
What3Words	///brain.ally.people	///clear.decks.refuse
Google Earth & Sat Nav		
OS Land Ranger		SD 84820 13068



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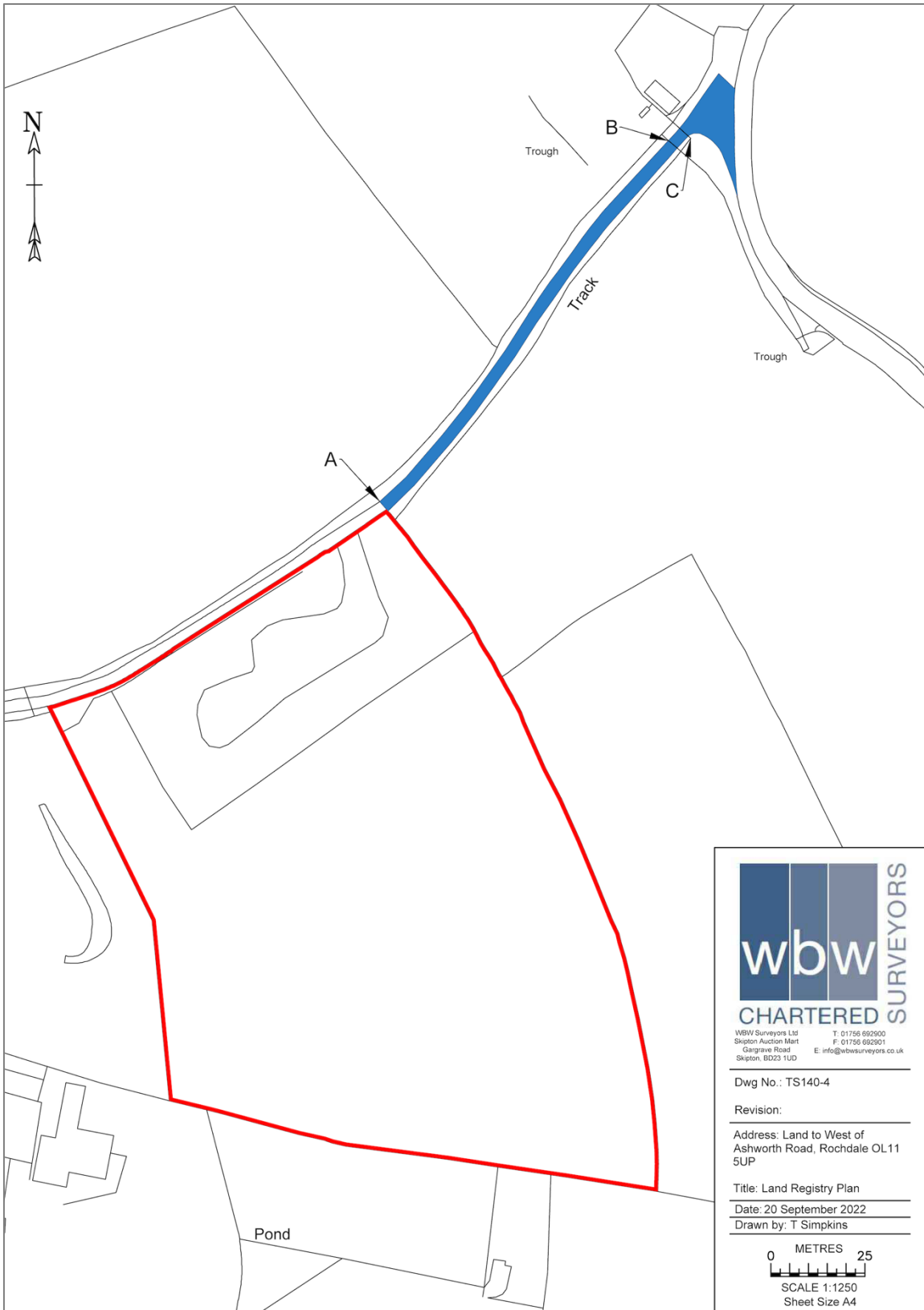
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### ACCESS TO NEW LAND

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### DOES THE HEALTH AND SAFETY AT WORK ACT APPLY TO RCA?

Under criminal law, the *Health and Safety at Work Act* only applies to employers, employees and the self-employed. Rochdale Company of Archers Limited (RCA) is a Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC) and the club is run entirely by volunteers, therefore the *HSAW Act* does not apply.

Under civil law the act imposes a duty of care towards the **public** and **volunteers** therefore all members of RCA have a **duty of care** to anyone affected by their actions or inactions.

### RISK LEVEL ASSESSORS






The following risk level matrix may be used to quantify the level of risk by a specific hazard.




Foreseeable risks must be rated by their likelihood of occurrence and their potential to cause harm, and both are rated 1-5. The product of these two values gives the level of risk.




It is understood and accepted that no activity can be completely free of risk.

### RISK RATING MATRIX

		LIKELIHOOD				
SEVERITY		1 Rare	2 Unlikely	3 Possible	4 Likely	5 Certain
5 Catastrophic		5 Moderate	10 Moderate	15 High	20 Critical	25 Critical
4 Major		4 Low	8 Moderate	12 Moderate	16 High	20 Critical
3 Moderate		3 Low	6 Moderate	9 Moderate	12 Moderate	15 High
2 Minor		2 Very Low	4 Low	6 Moderate	8 Moderate	10 Moderate
1 Insignificant		1 Very Low	2 Very Low	3 Low	4 Low	5 Moderate

RISK ASSESSMENT									
Hazard	Potential Risk	Who Affected	Risk Rating			Protection & Control Measures	Residual Risk Rating		
			L	S	R		L	S	R
Vehicle congestion 	Serious Injury	RCA Public	2	3	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DO NOT park on Ashworth Road</li> <li>Consideration will be given for local residents</li> <li>The access track is a public footpath, do not block the track for walkers</li> <li>Vehicles will be parked with consideration for others</li> <li>Consideration will be given to access for emergency vehicles</li> </ul>	1	3	3
Lone working 	Death or Serious Injury	RCA	5	5	25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Avoid working alone</li> <li>If necessary to work alone notify someone of your intentions and time of return</li> </ul>	1	5	5
Slips, trips, and falls 	Serious or Minor Injury	RCA	3	3	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Area surrounding redundant supply cabinet is full of trip hazards</li> <li>All participants must wear suitable footwear - boots or wellingtons</li> <li>Always plan your route with appropriate due care and attention</li> </ul>	1	3	3
Manual handling 	Muscular Skeletal Disorder	RCA	3	4	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All tasks for clearing trip hazards and debris will involve manual handling</li> <li>Never undertake a task if you feel it is beyond your own abilities</li> <li>Always seek help from others to reduce the risk of personal injury</li> </ul>	2	4	8
Aggravation of previous injury 	Serious or Minor Injury	RCA	5	3	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Volunteers with previous injuries must work only within their own personal capabilities</li> <li>Never undertake a task beyond your own capability</li> </ul>	3	3	9

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Sharps and Contaminated debris  	Death or Serious Injury	RCA	5	5	25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only <b>two</b> persons clear the debris</li> <li>Use extreme caution</li> <li>Use a barrier cream</li> <li>Cover existing cuts/scratches</li> <li>Two people will wear needlestick proof gloves</li> <li>Front man will wear needlestick resistant armguards</li> <li>If you find disposed used needles, remove with extreme caution</li> <li>Place all needles and other sharps in a Sharps Disposal Container</li> <li>All debris dumped in the redundant supply cabinet has a high risk of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, Tetanus, E-coli, Leptospirosis, Toxoplasmosis, Campylobacter, Cryptosporidium, Toxocara, Salmonella, Listeria, Bruc</li> <li>Have antibacterial supplies and clinell type hand wipes on site</li> <li>Wash hands thoroughly as soon as possible after work activities</li> <li>If ill after work activities seek medical help urgently - A&amp;E</li> </ul>	2	5	10
Allergic reaction 	Death or Serious Injury	RCA	5	4	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Avoid working alone</li> <li>Take allergy medication before or carry epipens if severe</li> <li>Inform others if you have a severe condition</li> <li>Wear clothing that covers the skin e.g. long sleeved shirt and long trousers</li> <li>Wear gloves</li> <li>Wash hands after work activities</li> <li>If ill after work activities seek medical help urgently - A&amp;E</li> </ul>	2	4	8

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Animals 	Bites Knocked down	RCA	4	3	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Walkers may have their dogs off leads on the public footpath</li> <li>Dogs may bite</li> <li>Never approach dogs or sheep</li> <li>Always back away</li> </ul>	2	3	6
Hot & Cold Weather 	Hypothermia or Heat Exhaustion	RCA	4	3	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Avoid lone working</li> <li>Inform another member if you have pre-existing medical conditions that could affect you on exertion such as asthma, heart conditions, diabetes etc</li> <li>Bring preventative/medicines to the site with them e.g. inhalers, gtn sprays, rescue remedies</li> <li>Bring hot/cold drinks</li> <li>Drink plenty of fluids</li> </ul>	2	3	6
Treatment of Injuries 	All Injuries Cut wounds from tools Puncture wounds from thorns	RCA	3	4	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First Aiders will be on site</li> <li>A First Aid Kit suitably stocked with appropriate materials will be available</li> <li>Seek medical help urgently - A&amp;E</li> </ul>	1	4	4
						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>			



### TOILETS

There are no toilet facilities at the compound. The nearest toilets are at:

- Ashworth Valley Scout Campsite
- Rochdale CoA, the indoor range at RRUFC.

### PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Personnel carrying out debris removal:

- Wear Needle Stick Resistant Gloves.
- Wear, Needlestick Resistant Arm Guard.

Plus, all personnel involved in all operations:

- Wear strong work boots or wellingtons.
- Wear overalls or old clothing.
- If working near Paul operating the petrol chainsaw, wear eye and ear protection, and gloves.

### NEAREST A&E

**Fairfield General Hospital** - 2.4 miles - 7 minutes - Open 24 hours

Rochdale Old Road, Bury, Lancashire, BL9 7TD.

T: 0161 624 0420

### DIRECTIONS TO NEAREST A&E

Head south-west on Ashworth Road

0.9 mi Sharp right onto Bury and Rochdale Old Road (B6222)

1.4 mi Turn left onto Rough Hill Lane

80 yds At the roundabout, take 2nd exit onto Jericho Road

70 yds Turn left

A&E will be on the left.

### EMERGENCY ARRANGEMENTS

Provide First Aid where appropriate using the First Aid materials from the First Aid Box. Report any shortages to the Health & Safety Advisor - [hands@rochdalearchers.com](mailto:hands@rochdalearchers.com).

All accidents must be reported on the RCA Accident Report form. Forms are available in the range and on the RCA website.

Pass completed forms to the Safeguarding Officer or H&S Advisor.

The Safeguarding Officer will assess whether the accident should be reported to Archery GB.

All incidents/accidents will be investigated by the Committee and recorded in the Meeting Minutes.

**END.**