


Volunteer Challenge:	Yorkshire Water: Meanwood Urban Farm	Name of risk assessor:	Luke Dennison
Challenge location:	Sugar Well Rd, Meanwood, Leeds LS7 2QG	Challenge date:	Wednesday 11th June 2025
Potential hazard	* Likelihood of occurrence	** Severity of risk	Overall risk



participate

Manual Handling – lifting injuries (heavy tools and materials)	Without control and precautions in place			Tool talk and team briefing covering manual handling. Appropriate equipment provided (wheelbarrows). Volunteers with specific issues identified at team briefing. Identification of ‘at risk’ volunteers at beginning of volunteering day.
	4	4	16	
	With control and precautions in place			Paving slabs are approx 20kg. As such volunteers should work in pairs when moving paving slabs. Its advised that those involved in the moving of paving slabs wear steel toe footwear. Size 8, Size 10 (2x pairs), are available for those without.
	2	2	4	
Site – slips trips and falls	Without control and precautions in place			Tool talk and team briefing to cover tidy site and clean as you go. Volunteers to be made aware of trip hazards on site, both inside and outside.
	4	3	12	
	With control and precautions in place			
	1	3	3	
Tools & PPE - personal injury Plant Allergies	Without control and precautions in place			Tools Talk to run through risks associated with each piece of equipment. Volunteers to be instructed to receive additional instruction for unfamiliar equipment. PPE (gloves, goggles) to be provided where appropriate. Volunteers with inappropriate footwear to be given tasks without tool risks.
	1	3	3	
	With control and precautions in place			Tools talk. Known allergies to be identified during team briefing. PPE (gloves, face masks) to be made available, suitable washing facilities on site.
	1	2	2	

Tools - personal injury	Without control and precautions in place			Tools Talk to run through risks associated with each piece of equipment. Volunteers to be instructed to receive additional instruction for unfamiliar equipment. PPE (gloves, goggles) to be provided where appropriate. Volunteers with inappropriate footwear to be given tasks without tool risks.
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	With control and precautions in place			
	2	2	4	
Sharp debris – broken glass, nails etc.	Without control and precautions in place			Tools talk to cover site risks. Volunteers to be provided with appropriate equipment to deal with glass and nails (litter pickers, rigger gloves).
	1	3	3	
	With control and precautions in place			
	1	2	2	
Tool Usability	Without control and precautions in place			Participate Facilitator will assess each tools safety and usability. Any tools that are deemed damaged and pose a risk to volunteers safety, they will not be used. This happens on before each volunteer challenge begins.
	4	4	16	
	With control and precautions in place			
	1	2	2	
General Public	Without control and precautions in place			The farm is open to the general public. As a result, volunteers will be working in a closed off zone of the farm. In addition, a pathway for transporting the aggregate has been opened for the volunteers. Volunteers are reminded on the morning and throughout to be mindful of the general public being nearby.
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	With control and precautions in place			
	2	2	4	

Signature of assessor	 Luke Dennison	Signed date:	06/06/2025
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KEY	* Likelihood of occurrence	** Severity of risk
1	Very unlikely	Very small injury – on site first aid treatment only
2	Unlikely	Minor injury – A&E visit, no time off work
3	Reasonable	Moderate injury – 3 or fewer days off work
4	Likely	Severe injury – greater than 3 days off work
5	Very likely	Risk of death or serious permanent injury

Likelihood
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Severity
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Overall Risk