



**Gloucestershire Warwickshire Steam Railway Plc**  
**Risk Assessment for Vegetation Clearance at Broadway Station & the North headshunt - Lineside Clearance**

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**Clearance of vegetation**

Type	Hazard Cause	Persons Affected	Control Measures	L S T Overall	Additional Control Measures	L S T Overall	Owner/Action
Health and Safety	Slips trips and falls Uneven surfaces and vegetation	Volunteers & Staff	1) CRITICAL - Engineering: Only cross the line at approved crossing points - Effective 2) CRITICAL - Engineering: Bonfires must be set well back from the line - Effective 3) CRITICAL - Administrative: The site will be surveyed before work starts to identify issues. - Effective 4) CRITICAL - Administrative: Extra care to be taken when working on embankments - Effective 5) CRITICAL - Administrative: Do not walk on track or sleepers - Effective 6) CRITICAL - Administrative: A separate RA exists for the use of tools and must be followed - Effective 7) CRITICAL - Administrative: All staff must possess PTS competence - Effective 8) CRITICAL - Administrative: Work only to be carried out in daylight hours - Effective 9) CRITICAL - Administrative: Chainsaws can only be used by certified competent persons - Effective 10) CRITICAL - Administrative: The Operations Manager must be informed in advance of the work area so that operational staff are aware - Effective 11) CRITICAL - Administrative: A site briefing must be held before work starts to brief the team - Effective 12) CRITICAL - Administrative: A separate RA exists for Covid 19 protection and must be followed when restrictions are still in place. - Effective 13) CRITICAL - PPE: Full PPE to be worn including boots, hi-viz, gloves and eye protection. - Effective	3 x 2 = 6 Medium - Risk to be minimised and controlled so far as is reasonably practical.	1) Elimination: Use of Mechanical Cutter by Contractors - Effective	2 x 2 = 4 Low - Risk to be monitored to ensure it remains adequately controlled to an acceptable level.	n/a

**Score and Control Measure Notes.**

Due to the nature of the work and location the risk is medium due to the underfoot conditions lineside.  
 All control measures must be followed.  
 Contractor use an automated cutting machine that collects the brash

**COSHH Assessments**

There are no COSHH assessments associated with this risk assessment.

**Reference Documents**

- Lineside Clearance during Covid RA - Lineside Clearance during Covid RA
- Method Statement - Method Statement for Lineside Clearance Work

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