



# Three Brooks Nature Conservation Group

## Health and Safety notice for workdays

The safety of our volunteers and the public is of paramount importance. We therefore ask volunteers on our workdays to adhere to a few simple rules.

1. **Next of kin details.** Please provide the Secretary with a name and phone number for the person you would like to be contacted in the case of an emergency.
2. **Working methods.** We always train new members in the activities we carry out – and are happy to re-demonstrate if asked. **Please work in the way that we show you.** The methods we use for felling, scything etc are those taught us by TCV officers as being the safest and least risk. If you are shown a particular method to use or told to work a certain way, please do so, even if you have done it another way in another group. Note that we focus on using traditional methods and do not use power tools.
3. **Avoid becoming isolated.** Please **work in pairs** and at the very least, within sight of someone else. Please do not wander off to the very edge of a work area by yourself. If something happened to you, we might not notice until it's too late.
4. **Tidy work areas.** For the sake of the public using the woods – and for our own reputation – **please leave work areas tidied up.** Always clear up any tree you have felled and make sure you have left enough time to do so.
5. **Leaving early.** If you need to leave early, please **find a committee member and tell them that you are leaving**, before you go. This will save us from hunting for someone who isn't actually there in a rapidly darkening wood.

**The committee are within their rights to ask people to leave** if they do not adhere to these guidelines.

Committee members are currently: Dave Baker, Gill Smith, Sara Messenger, Robin Jones, Rob Williams, Paul Smith, Rob Gould and Andy Moon.

Each type of work carries its own hazards which you will be advised of on the day. Please note that the group maintains a full Risk Assessment spreadsheet which is available on our website.