



Location: Rye and District, East Sussex

People at Risk: Community Support Volunteers who leave their homes to provide community support should be over the age of 18 and not in any of the categories of vulnerability defined by the Government “Our Plan to Rebuild” May 2020

Signature:

This assessment applies to mainly outdoor activities of both REACT @ryeact and the Rye Mutual Aid (RMA) volunteers
<https://www.ryemutualaid.org/how-we-work> Insurance: NA

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A Separate Assessment is available for indoor activities

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COVID - 19 – Community Support - Risk Assessment (Version 4)

Hazard	Impact	Likelihood (Low to high)	Risk Rating (Low to high)	Action Required (by whom and completion date)
<p><i>Covid 19 Pandemic</i></p> <p><i>The Virus</i></p> <div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 5px; display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  HIGH TEMPERATURE </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  NEW PERSISTENT COUGH </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  LOSS OF SMELL </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  LOSS OF TASTE </div> </div>	<i>H</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>H</i>	<p><i>The essential mitigations</i></p> <div style="background-color: #0070c0; color: white; padding: 10px; display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  HANDS </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  FACE </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  SPACE </div> </div>

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				<p>More Detail : Help prevent the spread of Covid 19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay home when you have symptoms • Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then discard • Avoid close contact with people • Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands • Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds • Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available • Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces <div data-bbox="1518 1198 2089 1477"> <p style="text-align: center;">TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS FROM CORONAVIRUS</p>  <p>Wash your hands very often</p> <p>When coughing or sneezing, cover your mouth and nose with your arm or use a disposable tissue</p> <p>Dispose of any tissues you have used</p> <p>Avoid close contact when greeting people</p> </div>

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<i>Trip hazard: Rye pavements and walkways are uneven and partially cobbled: falls and related injuries.</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>H</i>	<p><i>Briefing for all and restrictions on the less able.</i></p> <p><i>Volunteers to be suitably dressed with appropriate footwear.</i></p> <p><i>Activities concentrated on daylight hours</i></p> <p><i>At night wear hi vis items of clothing</i></p>
<i>Traffic hazard: contact with vehicles and impact injuries</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>M</i>	<p><i>Volunteers to avoid lingering on roads and highway: use paveways.</i></p> <p><i>In Rye centre, care needed to avoid vehicles mounting pavements</i></p> <p><i>Wear Hi Vis waistcoats or light bright coloured items</i></p> <p><i>Volunteers using their own vehicles are to check to see that their insurance covers such use.</i></p>
<p><i>General health and safety while in public areas</i></p> <p><i>Minor injuries during volunteering</i></p>	<i>M</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>M</i>	<p><i>REACT will advise on any specific terrorist threat to activities.</i></p> <p><i>Particular duty of care must be taken with older volunteers. Identify escorts are to be identified and nominated.</i></p> <p><i>Where groups of volunteers are gathered there must have an overall coordinator as point of contact and overall control.</i></p> <p><i>Avoid contact with dogs and pets. On accessing property there is a risk of</i></p>

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				<p>aggressive dogs</p> <p><i>In buildings - shops, suppliers and foodbank - should be a location risk assessment which applies.</i></p> <p><i>Volunteers must report all incidents to the dispatchers who record on Facebook.</i></p> <p><i>In event of major incident volunteers must make contact with Emergency Services via 999 for security and medical support.</i></p>
Theft/loss of money and supplies	M	M	M	<p><i>Volunteers to be clearly identified by badges.</i></p> <p><i>RMA database identifies those taking part in activities</i></p> <p><i>All precautions to be taken in handling and accounting for cash/money</i></p> <p><i>Volunteers must not resist snatch attacks, but should take as many details as possible and report to RMA</i></p> <p><i>Any local CCTV, other images and any witnesses are to be indentified and contacts retained to aid prosecution.</i></p>
Scams	H	H	H	<p><i>Volunteers to be alert to any scams and tricks involving those pretending to be volunteers or supporters</i></p> <p><i>Any suspicions are to be reported to RMA Central Team</i></p>

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<i>Young and Vulnerable People abuse</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>M</i>	<p><i>Young people (under 18) must ONLY be involved by exception and then under the direct supervision of cleared/approved volunteers OR parents/guardians.</i></p> <p><i>Any volunteer coming into direct contact with young or vulnerable people must ensure that there is at least one colleague who is DBS checked.</i></p> <p><i>All voluntary tasks are to be appropriate for age.</i></p> <p><i>There should be no physical or “one to one” contact by volunteers with either young or vulnerable people.</i></p> <p><i>Taking of photographs of individuals must be ONLY with the individual’s permission.</i></p>
<i>Bad or inclement weather: cold, wet and windy impacts.</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>H</i>	<p><i>Volunteers are to be appropriately dressed; extremities to be protected.</i></p> <p><i>Shifts of volunteering should be appropriate for conditions and no more than maximum of 2 hours.</i></p>