**NORTON ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION**

**RISK ASSESSMENT FOR MAINTENANCE TO ALLOTMENTS AND PUBLIC FOOTPATH**

**Ride-on Mower**

**Hazard Controls**

Overturning of mower & crush injuries Mower is only started when it is safe to do so, it is not driven up or down

 excessively steep slopes.

 Only used in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions.

Eye injury & cuts Area to be mown checked for stones/glass/metal and debris before starting.

 Personal protective equipment has been provided and will be worn as necessary.

Burns Engine refilled before starting work, while the engine is cool. If refuelling is

 required, wait for the engine to cool. No smoking in the area.

In public areas Three signs stating “Caution grass cutting” have been obtained which will be

 placed at the ends of the public footpath before work commences. The public

 will be advised not to walk in the area where cutting is taking place.

Rotating parts Shields, guards and other safety devices are in place and working properly.

Vibration The mower is used for time periods as specified by manufacturer’s instructions.

Defects Any defect to the mower will be repaired immediately.

Storage of fuel Fuel will be stored in an appropriate container and locked in a secure area when

 not required.

**Strimmer and Hedge Trimmer**

**Hazard** **Controls**

Contact with moving parts Suitable guards are fitted to blade/cutting line

Noise, dust & dog mess Protective clothing, helmet, mast and ear protection will be worn when

 operating the equipment.

Rotating/moving parts Shields, guards and other safety devices are in place and working properly.

Fumes Outdoor work – adequate ventilation.

Vibration Use task rotation to reduce exposure.

 Carry out health surveillance for problems.

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 placed at the ends of the public footpath before work commences. The public

 will be advised not to walk in the area where cutting is taking place.

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**Security for all items of equipment** A metal shed without windows has been purchased, the equipment will be chained

Theft together with a heavy duty chain and bolted into the ground. A concealed heavy

 duty shackle pick resistant padlock has been fitted to the door.