



Location: Rye and District, East Sussex

People at Risk: Community Support Volunteers who leave their homes 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

This assessment applies to REACT @ryeact and the Rye Mutual Aid Group

<https://www.ryemutualaid.org/how-we-work>

Insurance: NA

Signature:

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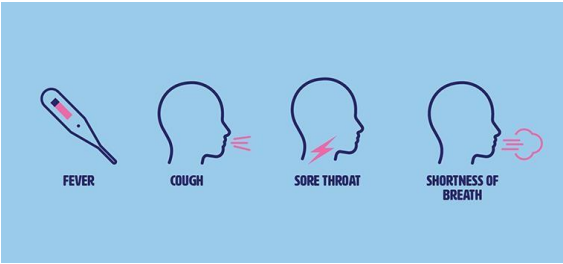
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Review Date: June 2020

COVID - 19 – Community Support Risk Evaluation (Version 3)

Hazard	Impact	Likelihood (Low to high)	Risk Rating (Low to high)	Action Required (by whom and completion date)
<i>Pandemic: risks of infection</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>H</i>	<p><i>Individual volunteers must mitigate as below.</i></p> <p><i>Droplets to eyes, nose and mouth: (around 3 hrs in still air): Protection equipment; 2m distancing; minimise time in still public air</i></p> <p><i>Contact with hard (around 3 days), including cash and soft surfaces (12 hours): Handwashing and sanitiser sprays and wipes</i></p>

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				<p>Other mitigation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keep hair tied back - Roll up sleeves - Strict indoor and outdoor clothes and footwear policy - Air clothing in sun and rotate items (48hrs is safe) - Practice Not touching face, including beard spectacles stroking <p>Take particular care in high risk areas such as chemists: cover up</p> <p>Be aware of main symptoms: fever and throat/breathing difficulties</p> <div data-bbox="1458 802 2018 1066">  <p>FEVER COUGH SORE THROAT SHORTNESS OF BREATH</p> </div> <p>IN ADDITION: some early symptoms have included loss of taste and smell.</p> <p>There should be no physical or “one to one” contact by volunteers and members of the public</p>

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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><i>aggressive dogs</i></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>
<i>Theft/loss of money and supplies</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>M</i>	<p><i>Volunteers to be clearly identified by badges.</i></p> <p><i>RMAG 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 RMAG.</i></p> <p><i>Any local CCTV, other images and any witnesses are to be identified and contacts retained to aid prosecution.</i></p>
<i>Scams</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>H</i>	<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 RMAG</i></p>

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<i>Young 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>All tasks are to be appropriate for the age.</i></p> <p><i>There should be no physical or “one to one” contact by volunteers or members of the public.</i></p> <p><i>Use of individual photographs must be ONLY by individual permission.</i></p>
<i>Bad/inclement weather: cold and wet impacts.</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>H</i>	<p><i>Volunteers are to be appropriately dressed; extremities protected.</i></p> <p><i>Shifts of volunteering should be appropriate for conditions and no more than maximum of 2 hours.</i></p>