The Friends of Thringstone

'Working together to improve our village'

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Health and Safety Statement

The committee of Friends of Thringstone is committed to maintaining health and safety standards, to ensure that no-one is harmed by our activities, and that our impact on the environment is minimised.
Events held by us carry with them Public Liability Insurance, and we ask that all people having a stand or carrying out activities with us at heritage or craft events carry their own insurances, of which we ask for copies. Those working with children are also required to let us have copies of their current CRB clearance certificates.

Our Health and Safety Principles are:

- The committee will maintain management of the safety arrangements, and ensure that any delegation of responsibility is understood.
- The committee will maintain and adequately implement improvements to the safety arrangements.
- The committee will regularly review our health and safety issues, and discuss these with the membership, reporting incidents and taking action where necessary and having a file in which this information is stored
- The committee will demonstrate positive and visible behaviour towards health and safety issues, and will ensure the development of a group culture supportive of health and safety issues.
- The committee will encourage members to take personal responsibility for the safety aspects of their activities, by discussing responsibilities with them, and agreeing practical actions, and will ensure that competent persons are appointed to support implementation,

and to facilitate co-operation and co-ordination on health and safety issues.

- The events lead will carry out a risk assessment at all events run by Friends of Thringstone, and also at any planting/litter picks carried out by the group and at events at which the group is itself a stall holder.
- Each member engaged in working with Friends of Thringstone on litter picks, planting or other activities is accountable and responsible for taking due care to protect the health and safety of themselves, and of others, and of the environment, and also for co-operating with the committee on health and safety issues. Members with concerns or with suggestions on how to improve health and safety issues, reporting incidents and unsafe acts and conditions, should discuss these with the committee, and participate in health and safety activities such as inspections as required.
- Each member engaged in working on litter picks for Friends of Thringstone will be provided with a litter pick stick/gloves/bags if these are not already in the possession of that member. Direction will be given on how to pick up litter safely, and where to deposit full bags for safe collection by NWLDC.
- Members engaged in clearance and planting work will wear suitable clothing and footwear, and use properly maintained tools for their work.

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