

# **RISK ASSESSMENT AND SAFE WORKING ARRANGEMENTS FROM JULY 2020**

This addresses the risk that CROWS volunteers may accidentally spread the virus to each other or to members of the public when we start working.

The guidance on safe working is based on a detailed risk assessment but can be changed or added to from experience. The contents are in accord with current [Government guidance](#).

## **Our safety checklist**

- We will work in pairs only - limits complexity of working at a safe distance
- We will travel separately - limits proximity.
- Only one person will collect and return tools from the depot - limits the chance of contamination.
- Each person will have their own set of tools and tools will be disinfected after use - limits chance of contamination.
- We will put up signs for approaching walkers.
- CROWS volunteers will always wear gloves and sanitise hands as appropriate during and after the job.
- We will work away from each other wherever possible.

## **Types of work we can do**

Jobs which can normally be safely done at 2m + social distancing:

- Path widening and upgrades (but not revetments – see below).
- Cutting back and Balsam clearing
- Surveys and inspections
- Waymarking
- Probably building 2-3 steps, putting in a small post or replacing a tread-board or rail on a stile provided no 2-person lifting is required.

- The principle is that one person can do a job with their own complete set of tools plus someone needs to be working on another job nearby.

## **Jobs we can't do**

We won't do jobs where we cannot maintain 2m+ distance e.g. because they need one person to bang/measure and someone to hold, or two people to carry the same piece of timber.

- Putting in finger posts.
- Building or significant mending of stiles.
- Putting in revetments.

## **Locations we will avoid**

- Popular locations that will get a lot of walking traffic
- Jobs near people's houses
- On narrow paths where we can't avoid any passing walkers
- Locations that have difficult access or are close to steep slopes or water. We do not want to call out mountain rescue!!
- Areas which are mobile phone dead spots