NATURAL KIRKLEES INSURANCE SCHEME UPDATE

The Insurance scheme is now live, we have completed negotiations with the Brokers and have agreed a suitable level of cover as detailed below;

The policy will provide cover for conservation activities such as but not limited to;

Litter picking

Removal of larger items of rubbish form water course using grappling hooks

Wading in water up to 1 meter deep

Working from small boats and canoes

Wildlife surveys

Removal of invasive plant species by hand pulling (e.g. Himalayan Balsam)

Vegetation management using hand tools

Tree planting

Path clearance and maintenance

Tree and bulb planting

Meadow and scrub management

Building and installing bird/bat boxes

Pond management

Coppicing, tree cutting and pollarding (tree felling - trunk diameter no more than 15cm)

Using hand tools - loppers, bow-saws, billhooks

Using strimmers and powered hedge cutters (NOT CHAINSAWS)

Painting tasks

Boardwalk maintenance

Meetings

Guided walks

Events (less than 500 people)

The policy will provide the following levels of cover;

Employers liability £10,000,000

Public liability £5,000,000

Personal accident - benefit provided

Accidental death £20,000

Accidental loss of one limb or eye £12,000

Permanent total disablement £20,000

Temporary total disablement Up to £50 / week

Temporary partial disablement 50% of normal salary

We have negotiated the following cover which must be paid for by the Groups if required

Chainsaw cover (individual - a copy of the appropriate licence must be produced) £55 per person

Tool and equipment cover - £5000 cover, £50 excess, £2500 max single item £43.80

A full policy document will be provided along with all terms, conditions and exclusions in the next few days along with an electronic application form.

To apply for the cover the group must be signed up to the database on the Environment Kirklees website and they will be issued with a group number. An online application form must be completed and submitted to the brokers for approval. Any queries will be sorted directly with the broker and a policy document will be sent directly to the group. The cost of the basic policy will be met by Natural Kirklees, any additional cover must be negotiated directly with the brokers and paid for by the group themselves.