Example Risk Assessment for Litter Picking task.

nb ACT insurance covers Wildlife Wardens carrying out work specifically for wildlife where the owner of the site has given permission.
It covers Wildlife Wardens leading groups (including training and walks) who aren't Wildlife Wardens, **as long as they have taken** the Leading Volunteers Course. If you feel you have previous experience and use similar risk assessment methods, please talk to us beforehand.

Narrative and main points eg what you are doing, where and with whom.
Do you, or your organisation have insurance cover?

Name: ……

Task: Litter picking alone near a river and later by a quiet road.

Location: …… Grid ref/What3Words: …..

Date and time: ……

Where litter is clean enough it may be kept separate and recycled after the task.

Insurance: ACT policy

Nb The Likelihood x Seriousness score should be 6 or under. If it is over 6 and no more than 12, then look for measures that will reduce the risk.
If it is over 12 then the task is too dangerous and needs to be completely re-thought.

Hazard (what might happen that hurts somebody?)	**Measures taken to prevent the problem**	**Likeli-hood 1-5**	**Serious-ness 1-5**	**L X S 6 or under acceptable.**
Getting cold and wet	Check weather forecast. Wear waterproof footwear and clothing.	2	1	2
Slipping on rough surfaces, exposed tree roots, mud.	Wear suitable walking shoes/boots. Avoid steep slopes.	2	2	4
Injury/infection caused by reaching for litter, or by sharp pieces of litter.	Use a litter picker and wear gloves. Take a first aid kit and an alcohol-based disinfectant hand gel. Use a litter-picking tool if needed to prevent injury and reduce back ache.	1	3	3

Falling into fast flowing river. Risk of drowning/hypothermia.	Do not try and collect litter from the river. Keep a safe distance from the riverbank (at least 1.5m).	1	4	4
Needing emergency help when lone working	Bring fully charged mobile phone. Let your lone-working 'buddy' know your location and expected time of return. Follow lone-working practice and ring your 'buddy' every few hours, as agreed, and when you have returned home.	1	4	4
Injury caused by road or cycle path collision	Wear a high-vis vest or jacket. Only litter pick by busy roads if there is a wide verge – keep 1.5m from the edge.	1	5	5

Table 1c **Risk Score**

LIKELIHOOD	CONSEQUENCE				
	1 Insignificant	2 Minor	3 Moderate	4 Major	5 Catastrophic
1 - Rare	1	2	3	4	5
2 - Unlikely	2	4	6	8	10
3 - Possible	3	6	9	12	15
4 - Likely	4	8	12	16	20
5 - Almost Certain	5	10	15	20	25