

# Weed Maintenance Volunteering Options

Any volunteer undertaking maintenance on the Highway needs to be covered by a minimum of £10 Million Public Liability insurance.

There are two options available:

Insurance Provided by:	East Sussex County Council	External Group (Standard Highways Volunteering Process) : Community Group, Parish, Town, District, Borough Council
Documentation Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signed Agreement by all volunteers.</li> <li>• Training completed by all volunteers.</li> <li>• Notification document sent when works are undertaken and completed by Lead Volunteer.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signed Agreement by relevant external group.</li> <li>• Evidence of insurance provided.</li> </ul>
Benefits of Option	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allows residents to take part in weed maintenance without creating own documentation or insurance.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Little paperwork or admin.</li> <li>• Groups can weed ad hoc.</li> <li>• Groups can cover a large area, not just one single road.</li> </ul>
Restrictions of Option	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Groups cannot undertake weed maintenance ad hoc.</li> <li>• Amount of admin/paperwork.</li> <li>• Only suitable for individual roads.</li> <li>• Request to wear full PPE supplied including goggles due to requirement from insurance.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reliant upon an external group taking responsibility.</li> </ul>

In all cases if it is found from safety inspections a group is not maintaining the weeds to keep an accessible footway, contact will be made with the relevant lead volunteer, County Councillor or external group giving an opportunity to carry out further maintenance.

If an issue persists the area will be added back onto the standard weed maintenance schedule.