

Code of Practice

Powered Secateurs USE

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VALE PATH VOLUNTEERS (VPV)

PATH MAINTENANCE TEAM OF THE RAMBLERS

VALE OF WHITE HORSE GROUP

Date assessed/re-assessed	20 August 2024
Work operation	POWERED SECATEURS (PS) IN USE
Assessor's name & designation	Patrick Rosum, VPV Coordinator

Event	Safe working practice
Before PS work commences	BC must only be used when there are at least one other volunteer present. Ensure that 'People at work' warning signs are placed at each end of the section being worked on. The integrity of the PS should be checked by the PS Operator (PSO) before use. Check for the presence of objects such as wires and stinging insects within the vegetation to be cut.
Operating the PS	The PSO should wear protective gloves. The PSO should always have good balance, feet firmly on the ground, and not over-reaching. PSO should continue to check for the presence of objects such as wire and stinging insects within the vegetation to be cut at the start of each section of vegetation. PSO should be vigilant when operating to ensure that the fingers on the hand used to hold or move twigs to be pruned are not exposed to the cutting blade. If the blades are jammed with foreign matter, immediately switch off the machine. Then remove the foreign matter from the blades.
Following operation	Visually check for any defects and lubricate the blades
Full operating instructions can be found at	https://www.manualslib.com/manual/1573789/Bosch-Ciso.html?page=3 - manual