

TRADING DURING CORONAVIRUS RISK ASSESSMENT

BOSWORTH'S GARDEN CENTRE AND BOSWORTH'S LANDSCAPING

Risk Assessment of trading during coronavirus. Who Might be Affected? Staff, clients, customers		Date of Assessment 11 th May 2020 Name of Assessor Andy Hall and Ellen Swinburn NB: These control measures are in addition to site risk assessments which are held on Safety Cloud and remain applicable for other hazards.
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<p>Coronavirus (COVID-19)</p>	<p>Most people are at risk from infection (staff, children, visitors, etc.). The risk of COVID-19 infection is, as we know, higher for vulnerable persons. The list of who is currently vulnerable includes: the elderly; those with chronic underlying health conditions; pregnant women. The majority of cases lead to mild symptoms (persistent coughing and temperature). The disease, however, can be fatal. Transmission is via person to person spread as airborne droplets and also via surfaces contaminated with virus.</p>	<p>Government Advice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government guidance is being reviewed on a daily basis to ensure the latest available information is put into practice. • All unnecessary travel should be avoided. Increase the use of telephone calls, web conferencing, etc. • All employees are encouraged to work from home unless it is impossible for them to do so. • Employees are encouraged to not turn up at the same time and finish work to prevent congregations and avoid public transport on route to work where possible. The company is adopting a more flexible approach to time and attendance within the business to facilitate this. • All meetings on site will be observing 2m social distancing rules where possible or conducted utilising technology. • All non-essential appointments on site have been postponed and necessary appointments will be evaluated taking into account current guidance as they occur. • All staff have been issued with guidance on social distancing and have completed an eLearning title in relation to infection control and the importance of social distancing. • All training that requires congregations, fire drills and group exercises have been suspended within the business and adapted all work to avoid social contact where possible. • Poster material related to social distancing has been applied throughout the business and employees are reminded every morning and during their work day of the importance of social distancing. <p>Self-Isolation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The company is following government guidance on self-isolation. In the event of any staff member exhibiting symptoms they must self-isolate. Guidance on time scales changes. The latest advice is here: https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid19/self-isolation-advice/ • The Company will make efforts to survey all returning employees to determine if they are self-isolating based on them being classified as a vulnerable group or likelihood of being in a vulnerable group via a health surveillance questionnaire

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		<p>or copy of letter from Government. Employees defined as vulnerable group or shielding – should strongly be advised and supported if possible to stay at home and work from there.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Company will ensure employees self-isolating are made aware of the importance of social distancing in line with current government guidelines. • Where staffing levels may be reduced due to absences within the company the managing director on site will undertake an assessment of the necessary controls to operate the business with a reduced capacity and seek guidance from • Company will undertake deep cleaning in the event of any staff member being confirmed as having coronavirus. <p>Personal Hygiene:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff have been advised by management regarding common control measures such as sneezing into a tissue or elbow and not just into hand, followed by immediate disposal of tissue and frequent hand washing.

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	<p>Covid19 impacting fire procedure eg reduction in fire marshals.</p>	<p>Fire Safety:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interim measures addressing fire safety management will be of a temporary nature in response to the current COVID-19 pandemic. Once business as usual commences the fire safety measures should again be reviewed, and normal procedures implemented, if deemed appropriate or revise them to ensure they are suitable and sufficient for the establishment. • Fire Marshall provision will be reviewed. If additional Fire Marshalls are required, newly appointed Fire Marshalls will be asked to undertake the e-learning on Safety Cloud. • Hand sanitiser will be provided on the main fire exit doors and / or at fire assembly points and employees encouraged to use hand sanitiser when re-entering the building. • Social distancing will be maintained at the assembly point – this will be lead by the fire marshalls and all staff have been informed about maintaining social distancing in the workplace. • Usual in house testing of the fire alarm / emergency lighting will continue. • Planned 6 monthly fire drills will be postponed until more Government guidance is given on the COVID-19 situation. All staff will be advised on any changes to fire evacuation procedures. • Fire doors will not be propped open, even as a measure to minimise surface contact. Door handles and touch points will be cleaned on a daily basis as per government guidance.

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Homeworking		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All PC users classed as habitual have completed a Display Screen Equipment Assessment whilst at their office/site workstation outlining the principles of good workstation set-up. • Homeworking guide has been sent to all staff which covers importance of good workstation set-up. Link is: https://safety.southalls.com/hubfs/2020%20-%20Coronavirus/Southalls_A%20Guide%20to%20Homeworking_2020.pdf • All staff can access DSE assessment via Safety Cloud if required. • Advice regarding frequent breaks given in home working guide. • Temporary homeworking e-learning is viewed by staff who are based at home throughout this period. • Forearms should be approximately horizontal and the user's eyes should be the same height as the top of the screen. • Make sure there is enough work space to accommodate all documents or other equipment. • Arrange the desk and screen to avoid glare, or bright reflections. Adjust curtains or blinds to prevent intrusive light. • Make sure there is space under the desk to move legs. • Use cushions to help make the workstation set up more comfortable. • Avoid excess pressure from the edge of seats on the backs of legs and knees.

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<p>Deliveries and collections for customers.</p>	<p>Restricted access or closed service/welfare facilities.</p>	<p>Pre Delivery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All unnecessary travel should be avoided; ensure that customer deliveries are booked and confirmed before travel. ● Where possible payment should be taken for goods prior to the delivery to avoid drivers not having to handle cash from customers. ● In line with Government guidance, no work including deliveries will be carried out in a household which is self isolating (or where an occupant is being shielded). <p>Delivery at customer properties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Continue to abide by driving regulations in relation to driving on work business. ● A review is carried out of all deliveries to remove non-essential or condense loads to reduce the number of vehicles/drivers required to access other premises. ● The customer will be alerted once the driver arrives and the materials will be offloaded. Face to face conversations should be avoided as far as reasonably possible, maintaining at least a 2-metre distance from other persons. ● if paperwork needs to be exchanged, this should be done at arm's length. Pens must not be shared between customers and members of staff; disposable pens will be provided if necessary. ● Delivering staff are advised to wash their hands regularly and to ensure they use hand sanitiser/alcohol gel on arrival to customer properties, and after coughing/sneezing or blowing their nose. ● All PPE must be worn where provided. ● Disposable gloves must be worn when making deliveries at customers properties. These must be removed after the delivery and discarded in a bin bag. Use correct technique (see safe operating procedure) to remove gloves. ● Drivers will sanitise the cab at least daily or between uses. Any tools and equipment used within the vehicle should be cleaned and disinfected after each use.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All personal items such as hard hats, gloves and any other PPE, should be stored appropriately, not left in vehicles and not shared between individuals.

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<p>Receiving deliveries at site. (Goods In/Despatch)</p>		<p>Deliveries and collections from site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All deliveries and collections should be pre-arranged where possible. ● If drivers supplying stock try to access the site, they will be asked to wait outside and telephone in to confirm the delivery arrangements. ● Visitor access to the building is minimal to pre-approved and essential visitors only. The number of vehicles entering the site is limited to encourage social distancing. ● Where possible entry and exit points will be limited to the warehouse to make it easier to implement controls such as cleaning and disinfection of door handles. ● Additional signage, hand sanitiser stations are set up at entry/exit points ● Where possible greet the driver externally to prevent the driver needing to enter the building. Avoid social greetings such as shaking hands and nudging elbows, adhering to the 2 metre clear social distancing measures. ● Where required, any internal 'Goods in' reception, must be limited to 1 person at a time maintaining 2 metres distance with staff remaining behind the screen or counter. ● Conversations should take place at a minimum of 2 metre distance and if paperwork needs to be exchanged, this should be done at arm's length. Pens will not be shared between customer and member of staff; disposable pens will be provided if necessary ● Increased cleaning and disinfection of frequently handled or touched surfaces within common and welfare areas such as door handles, light switches, toilets, rest areas. ● Contact points on vehicles and lift trucks are cleaned down at least daily or at the end of each shift, ● If visitors need to use welfare facilities they will be reminded of social distancing rules. Vending machines and water fountains used for visiting drivers should be turned off to minimise contact points and the routes of virus transmission.

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Customer collections	Person to person spread due to be in close proximity to other staff members.	<p>Customer collections only.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All collections should be pre-arranged where possible with an agreed time slot for collections to be made. Clear instructions will be given to customers on where to go on arrival at site if allocated a bay or loading area and keeping to social distancing guidelines ● Customers will be encouraged to make payments in advance either over the telephone or online. ● Steward customers arriving at the site and point them to their collection location. ● Avoid social greetings such as shaking hands and nudging elbows, adhering to the 2 metre clear social distancing measures. ● Car parking spaces or collection points are planned to give a clear loading area around the parking space or loading bay where possible. ● Whilst verifying orders with customers on arrival, customers should be asked to stay in their vehicle. ● Where possible, customers orders will be picked and made ready for their arrival in the collection location. ● Staff will load customers goods, ensuring social distancing is maintained. ● Any trolleys used to assist in the loading of materials should be sanitised between uses. ● Designated collections staff and drivers will wear gloves which are changed regularly between assisting customers. Paperwork will be passed at arms length between staff where this cannot be avoided.

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<p>Serving customers in store</p>	<p>Person to person spread due to be in close proximity to other staff members and customers.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There should be controls on the number of parking spaces to help regulate number on site at any one time. Consider parking in every other bay when space on site permits to enable better social distancing. ● Consider which entrances and exits are being used, preferably using separate ways in and out of the site. ● Consider security guards on each entrance to help control numbers on site and to remind people of social distancing measure being employed on site. ● Use trolleys to act as 'counters' to help cap the number of individuals on site, and also use the trolleys to help maintain social distancing. ● Trolley handles will be wiped using a sanitising agent in between each use. ● Signage is to be established at the front of the centre to advise of social distancing requirements. ● A maximum number of occupants will be set to ensure that social distancing is maintained. This will depend on a number of factors: area of shop; blind spots; available staff, etc. This may vary due to changes in staffing levels. ● Once capacity is reached, queueing will be managed outside the site entrances. 2 metre markers will be placed in each queue. ● The preference will be for single members of a household to be allowed entrance (consider though single parents, carers with vulnerable adults, etc. who may need to come in together). ● One way systems will be implemented inside the store wherever possible. ● Signage hanging from height will be provided and made clear in each department to enable customers to access specific goods quickly and without lingering. ● Staff to, politely, encourage customers not to linger, congregate, etc. in the shop (by, for instance asking them if they need any help - whilst maintaining social distancing). ● Advisory signage will be displayed throughout the shop.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Floors to be marked out with tape at spaces of at least 2 metres in the store where possible, but this will be always be implemented at till points and at customer services. ● Screening will be added at till points and customer services and will feature social distancing signage. ● Sanitising agents and gloves (where required) will be made available to staff working at till points for use to keep hands clean and also clean off till points / conveyors. ● Wherever possible contactless payments will be encouraged. ● Stock replenishment or watering will be undertaken out of hours to minimise staff interaction with customers. ● If dealing with customers, staff will look to maintain a 2 metre social distance and politely remind customers if this is breached. ● If customers are flouting any reminders or not heeding warnings, they will be requested to leave the site. ● Toilet access will be restricted and only be made available during emergencies if a request is made to a member of staff.

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<p>Spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) during landscaping works</p>		<p>Site Meetings (e.g. planning/design visits):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unnecessary travel to sites will be avoided and where possible meetings will be held via telephone calls/web conferences • Only if absolutely necessary participants should attend in person • Attendees should be two metres apart from each other, preferably stood outdoors where work is to occur. • Rooms should be well ventilated/windows opened to allow fresh air circulation <p>Pre-travel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer to general COVID-19 risk assessment for arrangements for arrival on site. • Paperwork (e.g. plans, invoices, etc.) to be generated, and transferred digitally. Where possible, and paper copies, can be laminated to enable them to be cleaned down. Any physical copies to be passed at arm's length. • All briefings involve no more than three people and be done at 2 metres (3 steps) distance. • All staff take the COVID-19 elearning on Safety Cloud or have received a toolbox talk on measures being taken. • All staff on site are given a toolbox talk on how to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 • All workers have been informed to follow the Government's guidance on handwashing and ensure hands are washed on a regular basis. <p>Travel to site:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff to travel to site, wherever possible, in separate vehicles. Own vehicles may also be used. • Where this is not possible then Transit-type vans will be used. This allows some level of distancing to be maintained due to the middle seat. • There will be no more than two people in the van at any one time. • Good ventilation will be encouraged - e.g. by keeping windows open wherever possible.

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		<p>Social Distancing/Personal Hygiene when site working:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landscapers to ensure social distancing can be practiced. • No toilet facilities will be available in the van, it will be the responsibility of individuals to use the toilet at home before work, seek out places where toilets are available, or call back to the Garden Centre at Burton Latimer or Elton where it is practical and travel efficient to do so. Soap, a container of water and a bowl will be available. • Entry into the customer's property to be avoided wherever possible, using side access etc. • Landscapers to wash their hands, for at least 20 seconds, on arrival at site. • Landscapers to regularly wash their hands, throughout the working day. This is especially important before and after: preparing or handling food; eating or drinking; treating a cut or wound; using the toilet; touching animals, sharing tools, etc. • Where hand washing is not possible then alcohol sanitising gels are to be used. • Non-essential physical work that requires close contact between workers will not be carried out. • Work will be planned to minimise contact between workers. • Re-usable PPE will be thoroughly cleaned after use if required and not shared between workers - all are issued with their own provisions. • Single use PPE will be disposed of so that it cannot be reused. • Workers are informed to clean and disinfect their equipment at the beginning and end of each job. • Workers are asked to bring pre-prepared meals and refillable drinking bottles from home. • Workers eat their lunches at least 2m apart. Staff to wash hands before and after eating and drinking. • Identify any staff members who fit into the vulnerable groups – they should be encouraged to follow social distancing at all times. • Discourage staff from using other workers' phones, work tools and equipment, cups and drinking/eating vessels when possible. If necessary, clean and disinfect them before and after use. • Avoid physically greeting others, including colleagues and customers, such as shaking hands and nudging elbows. A simple 'good morning' or 'good afternoon' will suffice and can adhere to the 2-metre clear social distancing measures. This also applies to drivers making deliveries to site.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hire plant to be cleaned down before every use using sanitising agents / wipes. • Contact points on vehicles, hire plant, and machinery are cleaned down at least daily or at the end of each shift. • Where the 2m social distancing rule cannot be adhered to staff will work side by side or back to back. If employees have to work face to face then face masks will be worn. Face masks will be worn for the duration of the shift/work activity and disposed of after use. <p>Receiving deliveries at site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All materials to be taken to site by staff. Deliveries of material will be arranged so the timing of delivery is known and social distancing will be maintained. No paperwork will be required to be exchanged / signed for.

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Please contact Andy Hall at Southalls in the event any of the controls within this risk assessment require updating or changing so amendments can be recorded.