

Accident Report 2010/2011 – Audit Committee

Incident Date	Service	Office/ Depot	Where did the accident happen?	How did it happen?	Working time lost
15/2/11	Community Health & Leisure	Workplace Nursery	Workplace Nursery	A member of staff was delivering a photocopier for support services to the workplace nursery and it slipped from his grip and tumbled down the stairs at the front entrance. Richard was injured trying to stop the machine from hitting someone else	
28/3/11	Streetscene	Lufton Depot	Depot Yard	A member of staff got out of a stationary vehicle and fell on his left wrist, which then was painful and swollen.	7
11/1/11	Streetscene	Lufton Depot	Yew Tree Park - Play Area	Cutting back thorny shrubs - Thorn penetrated gloves and caused a puncture to right index finger	
24/3/11	Area Development (North)	Somerton Community Office	The Parish Rooms, Somerton- corridor leading to the kitchen	Slipped on a newly washed parquet floor and jarred neck & back	
29/3/11	Area Development (South)	Petters House	Quedam Shopping Centre, Yeovil	Pulled lower back whilst delivering snow shovels to Quedam Centre offices	5
29/6/11	Countryside	Ham Hill Ranger Station	Yeovil Country Park	Building a shelter at Yeovil Country Park a branch she was using hit her on the head	
12/7/11	Streetscene	Lufton Depot	Long term injury, no specific incident responsible	A member of staff has been diagnosed with (Hand Arm Vibration Syndrome) HAVS in his right hand. His symptoms have been graded as level 2 on the Stockholm grading (moderate)	
18/7/11	Streetscene	Lufton Depot	Petters Way Car Park	Pain to lower back-possible pulled muscle	4
1/8/11	Procurement & Risk Management	Brympton Way	Canteen at Brympton Way	Whilst frying an egg, the fat foamed up and the egg exploded in a member of staff's face.	
17/8/11	Streetscene	Lufton Depot	Burrowfield, Bruton	Slipped on MDF board whilst hedge trimming, jarred back	
19/8/11	Streetscene	Lufton Depot	Yew Tree Park	Stung by a wasp whilst litter picking in Yew Tree Park	
23/8/11	Environment	Crematorium	Crematorium Service Yard	Lowering top section of the Roll over protection bar on the tractor when it dropped hitting him on the head	
8/9/11	Streetscene	Lufton Depot	Chemsafe	Allergic reaction to roundup	

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17/9/11	Streetscene	Lufton Depot	Montacute	A member of staff was standing in a ditch strimming up the bank. The ditch was dry and the growth on the bank and bed was very tall. He suddenly felt 3 sharp stinging pains on his chest and stomach followed by others on his back and arms. He did not realise he was being stung by wasps until Ivan shouted to him to get out of the ditch as wasps were everywhere. He left the working area and the wasps stayed close to the ditch. Staff had walked the site before starting and saw no active signs of a wasp's nest. The nettles and bank growth was very thick and tall so the nest was well concealed.	
27/3/11	Streetscene	Lufton Depot	Yeovil Recreation Centre	A member of staff was called out to a fire that involved the announcement hut in the athletic arena at YRC. The OOH Supervisor, contacted him. He arrived on site at 2200hrs, the fire brigade were already there and waiting for advice on the location of electrical circuit speakers, main switches etc. He did not have access to this information and spent approx 20mins looking inside adjacent buildings which were unaffected by the fire. The fire brigade had donned breathing apparatus and following advice from the staff member information, began fighting the fire on the hut by directing water jets away from its back wall where the electrical system was known to be situated. A coach from Yeovil Athletics Association, also attended, as did SWEB. The SWEB personnel had confirmed the member of staff had switched off the correct electrical switch. Approx 24hr later, he started to experience a severe sore throat and constant coughing. This continued through the following week and had reduced by Saturday 2/4 although the symptoms were still present.	
21/9/11	Countryside	Ham Hill Ranger Station	Rangers Office, Ham Hill Country Park	A volunteer came into the office with a small cut on her right wrist, when asked how she did it after applying a plaster she admitted to self-harm using a penknife. It was a VERY light scratch. Katy Menday has been informed.	
28/9/11	Fraud & Data	Brympton Way	Brympton Way - Just before the double doors, adjacent to the canteen	Right knee and right palm took impact of fall that hurt at the time but doesn't seem to be any serious injury as the next day. Walking to go towards doors to leave building when my foot slipped (on the wet floor) from under me and went flying, landing on my right knee and palm. I did not see any warning sign until lying on the floor. I could see it behind me across by the stairs.	

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29/9/11	Streetscene	Lufton Depot	Yeovil Recreation Centre	A member of staff was litter picking around the shrub bed near the car park at YRC where woodchip had been spread. He removed some newspaper and disturbed several wasps in the nearby hedge. He was stung about 4 times.	
4/11/11	Streetscene	Lufton Depot	Forest Hill, Yeovil	Two members of staff were emptying litterbins. One was driving cage van 548 and turned into Forest Hill from Plantagenet Chase, in order to empty the bins near the shops. Parked the van close to the shops, on the left hand side of the road facing downhill. He applied the handbrake. They were away for 2-3mins. When they returned, one crew member stepped between the front of the van and a car parked in front, to go around the offside of the van to access the back. Immediately he stepped off the kerb he was aware that the van was rolling very slowly. It was juddering. He was unable to move out of the gap between the 2 vehicles before his left leg was trapped between the 2 bumpers.	
23/11/11	Streetscene	Lufton Depot	Bluebell Road, Yeovil	One of the ground crew was assisting with reducing a number of trees on the site. His job was to carry arisings, logs etc from the work area to the chipper operator or load them onto the van. Access to the van required scrambling over a low, shallow bank about 3ft high that was damp underfoot following overnight frost. He was carrying a log about 3ft long and 8 inches in diameter. As he scrambled up the bank, he slipped and fell and the log caused a crush injury to his right hand.	
9/12/11	Streetscene	Lufton Depot	Lyde Road Car Park	Two crew members called into Lyde Road car park to check for flytips etc. They were using Canter cage 847 that does not have a tail lift. Two large welding gas type cylinders were there so they decided to remove them. They lifted one onto the van (the tailboard was dropped to do this) and as they lifted one onto the van the other slid onto the bed of the van. One of the crew trapped his right index finger under the cylinder, against the back edge of the bed of the van. There was a deep cut which was dressed using a wound dressing from the first aid box in the cab. He then drove to Fiveways Clinic for a prior appointment for his Hep B booster injection. Whilst there, he was advised to see A&E at YDH for the wound to be inspected. They drove the van back to the depot, and the supervisor took him to A&E.	
9/3/11	Environmental Health	N/A	Daws Farm, East Chinnock	Bent down over composter, stick caught skin under right eye and pierced the skin.	

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8/3/11	Sport & Leisure Facilities	Octagon Theatre	Auditorium door by LX box	Door shut on index left hand finger between hinge and door. Went to A&E for 4 hours, not broken.	
18/5/11	Streetscene	Lufton Depot	Square in Ilminster	Got out of van went to open side sliding door when left hand slipped off the handle and went to catch door and hit finger - middle finger.	
1/6/11	Arts & Entertainment	Lufton Depot	Large object store - CHAC	Crushed hand against steel girder with a roll of polythene	
11/4/11	Streetscene	Lufton Depot	Vehicle Workshop	A mechanic was using a large pair of Stillsons to wind off the old track rod end from the track rod belonging to sweeper 004. Track rod was held in a vice on the workbench. This required assistance from the oxi-gas cutting equipment. The threaded end of the track rod is approx 7 inches long, with a very fine thread therefore considerable physical effort, and a great many turns of the track rod end, were needed. He was about half way through removing the old fitting and began to feel both shoulders becoming tense. His neck also began to ache. This pain worsened whilst he fitted the new end and he had to stop work for about 2 hours after starting the job. Over the following week, aching has persisted in his neck and shoulders, worst in the early morning but gradually easing with movement through the day.	
14/4/11	Streetscene	Lufton Depot	Maggs Lane, Castle Cary	A Crew were strimming around obstructions on Maggs Lane, Castle Cary. One was on the triple and the other blowing in behind with a blower. As they strimmed the long grass around the telegraph pole, his strimmer cord flicked up dog mess that was completely hidden in the grass. He felt something hit him in the face and right eye. He was wearing dark safety glasses that are a close fit to the face, however it is assumed that some material somehow flicked up behind his glasses.	
12/5/11	Streetscene	Lufton Depot	Kings Road, Stoke Sub Hamdon	A member of staff was driving a triple that got its left hand cylinder stuck fast against a garage wall. This was an immediate consequence of the rollbar coming into contact with the top corner of the front of the garage as the mower went past it. The ground was slightly sloping at this point and the slope was just enough to cause the rollbar to hit the garage. Another crew member was helping in trying to free the mower by using a crowbar to remove the rollbar pin so it could be lowered and the mower driven clear of the obstruction. The crowbar slipped and hit him above his right eye, causing a cut.	

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11/5/11	Streetscene	Lufton Depot	Larkspur Crescent, Yeovil	A member of staff was strimming around an area of thick pampas grass. He was moving the strimmer from side to side in the usual way, but the head became tangled in the pampas grass, causing the strimmer to pull to the right at the same time as he was trying to move it to the left. At this point the motor stalled, and he found himself off balance and falling. He put out his right arm to save himself but his right wrist took the force of the impact. He felt a sharp pain at the point of falling, and this gradually got worse. This was most noticeable when he started using a blower, about 20-25mins after he fell.	
21/6/11	Engineering & Property Services	Petters House	Higher Kingston, Yeovil	A car park inspector was checking a note in a car when another car turned at speed making him fall backwards over the pavement landing on his handheld.	
18/3/11	Streetscene	Lufton Depot	Queensway, Yeovil	A member of staff was picking up thorny brash with a pitchfork and his gloves on, and a thorn went through his glove causing a puncture wound to little finger on left hand. He was working on site as part of a team carrying out pruning and clearing the verges under full chapter 8 protection.	
13/7/11	Countryside	Ham Hill Ranger Station	Witcombe Valley, Ham Hill	A Ranger was loading logs into the trailer when they caught their finger between the trailer and a log. Splitting their left little finger open.	
6/7/11	Countryside	Ham Hill Ranger Station	Witcombe Valley, Ham Hill	While stacking logs into a trailer, a volunteer trapped her arm between the trailer and a large log. Squashing her arm at the wrist (left)	
20/7/11	Economic Development	Lufton Depot	Archaeology Store - CHAC	Checking the cupboards upstairs and left one door open - then bent down to check items on the floor - then stood up - knocking head on open door.	