

Health and Safety Risk Assessment and advice for members of the Shropshire Woodcarvers July 2012

A short Health and Safety briefing will be given at the beginning of each term for the Thursday group and an annual briefing to the Saturday group at the October AGM

Periodic tool sharpening and First Aid sessions will also be held

HAZARD	RISK	SAFETY MEASURE
Sharp tools	Cuts of various degrees of seriousness when carving to yourself or others in the vicinity	Termly safe carving briefing Care and awareness when carving Correct hold for various tools Safety gloves Sharpening methods and importance of keeping blades sharp Safe carriage of a tool when moving around workshop Safe storage of tools in toolbox Non slip mats Appropriate footwear
Dust	Irritation to eyes, lungs and skin Possible reaction to various woods	Use of appropriate masks and safety glasses Awareness of other carvers in workshop
Mechanical sharpener	Electric shock Cuts and abrasions Dust and particles	Annual electrical check Termly training on sharpening and use of sharpener Use of safety glasses provided No other mechanical/electrical tools to be used in the Mary Webb workshops apart from demonstration sessions
Slips trips and falls	Slip on wood shavings and sawdust Trip over tool boxes or stools causing various levels of injury	Clear up as you carve! Keep gang ways swept Place stools under tables when not in use and keep tool boxes on raised surfaces
Manual handling of tools and wood Stored items in trailer	Suffer back pain or pain elsewhere from handling heavy and/or bulky objects	Advice on correct lifting
Falling objects when erecting heavy metal framed tent	Head and other injuries	Helmets to be worn Leader to direct erection of tent