

HOATH PARISH COUNCIL - Risk Assessment for Village Green and Car Park

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This risk assessment aims to identify potential hazards and risks associated with the Parish Council-owned village green and carpark. It is crucial to ensure the safety and well-being of residents, visitors, and users of these facilities. By identifying these risks, appropriate measures can be implemented to mitigate them effectively.

Hazards Identified:	Risk(s) Identified	H/M/L	Management/Control of Risk	Review/Assess/Revise
Physical Hazards:	<p>Uneven or slippery pathways in both the village green and carpark leading to slips, trips, and falls.</p> <p>Presence of obstacles such as tree roots, rocks, or debris posing trip hazards.</p> <p>Vehicle collisions or pedestrian accidents within the carpark area.</p> <p>Exposure to adverse weather conditions such as extreme heat or storms.</p>	H/M	<p>Regular maintenance of pathways, carpark surfaces, and recreational facilities to ensure safety.</p> <p>Installing signage and speed bumps in the carpark to control vehicle speed and alert users of potential hazards.</p> <p>Providing adequate lighting in both the carpark and village green.</p>	
Health and Safety Hazards:	<p>Overcrowding during events or gatherings leading to potential accidents or emergencies.</p> <p>Inadequate lighting in the carpark area posing safety risks, especially during darker hours.</p>	M/L	<p>Implementing crowd control measures during events or gatherings.</p> <p>Providing clean and accessible sanitation facilities in both areas.</p> <p>Educating users about potential allergens, irritants, and safety guidelines.</p>	

	<p>Exposure to allergens or irritants from plants, insects, or vehicle emissions.</p> <p>Lack of proper sanitation facilities leading to hygiene-related issues.</p>			
Security Risks:	<p>Theft or vandalism of vehicles, property, or amenities in the carpark or village green.</p> <p>Lack of surveillance increasing the risk of security breaches.</p> <p>Unauthorized access to restricted areas leading to potential safety concerns.</p>	L	<p>Installing security cameras or increasing patrols to deter theft or vandalism.</p> <p>Implementing a system for monitoring and restricting access to certain areas.</p> <p>Encouraging community involvement in surveillance and reporting suspicious activities.</p>	
Environmental Hazards:	<p>Pollution or contamination of soil or water sources due to improper waste disposal in both areas.</p> <p>Impact of extreme weather events such as floods or storms on the village green and carpark.</p> <p>Presence of wildlife or pests posing health and safety risks to users.</p>	M/L	<p>Establishing proper waste disposal and recycling facilities with clear signage.</p> <p>Developing a contingency plan for extreme weather events.</p> <p>Conducting regular inspections for signs of pollution, contamination, or wildlife activity.</p>	

Review and Monitoring:

Regular monitoring and review of the implemented controls are crucial to ensure their effectiveness. This includes:

- Conducting periodic inspections of the village green, carpark, and recreational facilities.
- Seeking feedback from residents and users regarding safety concerns.
- Updating risk assessments as needed based on changes in operations, usage patterns, or environmental factors.

By identifying potential hazards and implementing appropriate control measures, the Parish Council can effectively manage risks and ensure a safe environment for all users of the village green and carpark. Regular review and improvement of safety protocols will further enhance the overall safety and enjoyment of these spaces for the community.

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