

General Risk assessment – Southons Field

Company name: MARDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Date of risk assessment: February 2023

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See separate risk assessment for Events

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing?	Controls	Action by who?
Defective driveway, footpaths and open space	Employees and public may be injured if they trip or slip on paths/open space	Regular inspections for safety defects (eg pot holes) and repairs undertaken asap. If issues are reported by public, the caretakers, or external contractors, are contacted to deal with the items	Continue to monitor	Caretakers
Litter Bins	Employees and public may suffer cuts or infection	Bins emptied once a week and more often if reported full or after an event Bins are inspected regularly by grounds maintenance staff for sharp edges, doors missing etc.	Regular emptying and monitoring	Caretakers
Fencing	Employees and public may suffer cuts	Fences inspected regularly and repairs undertaken asap	Regular monitoring	Caretakers
Mowing and Strimming – Machine and manual handling hazards	Employees – manual handling/machine hazards Public –stones/other objects being thrown up by mower or strimmer	Mowing and strimming currently undertaken by external contractors (see individual risk assessment). Any mowing and strimming not undertaken when public in vicinity Correct PPE to be used	Grass to be checked for objects/glass prior to mowing/trimming. Ongoing checks to ensure PPE is being used correctly	Caretaker Clerk
Seating – benches	Employees and public – may suffer injury if damage to bench or collapses	Inspected regularly Repairs undertaken asap or bench removed if beyond repair. Large seating secured to the ground to minimise vandalism.		Caretaker
Dog Fouling	Employees and public – suffer from infection and ill-health	“No dog” signs erected on gates All surrounding properties written to regarding no dog policy on field.	Reminder letters sent regularly / article in newsletter/website/facebook if dogs are seen on field.	Clerk

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Gates	Employees and public may suffer from trapped fingers	Gates and closures inspected regularly Repairs made asap	Regularly monitored	Caretakers
Vegetation	Employees and public – poisoning, cuts	Caretaker ensures no poisonous/hazardous plants are growing in area All vegetation cut back regularly	Regular monitoring	Caretakers
Pavilion / Mower Shed / Storage Shed	Employees Public	All inspected internally and externally by caretaker. Mower Shed - No access to public Pavilion – No access to public without prior permission Storage Shed – No access to public Inspected six-monthly by members of the Amenities Committee at site meeting Any defects are repaired asap	Continue to monitor	Caretaker Clerk Councillors
Trees	Employees and public – injury from overhanging branches, falling trees, roots	3 year Tree Audit undertaken in July 2021. Work to be evaluated and undertaken by tree surgeon. Caretaker checks/monitors trees on a regular basis and after high winds. Takes immediate action if urgent or reports for further instruction from Clerk/Council if not..	Undertake a tree audit every three years or in accordance with advice from Tree Consultant. Continue to monitor monthly and after high winds.	Caretaker
Other: Rabbit Holes	Employees and public – twisted ankles/breaks	Rabbit holes are filled in when discovered	Monitor area	Caretaker
Football Goal	Public	Repair or replace when damaged	Continue to monitor	Caretaker