

NETHER WALLOP PARISH COUNCIL RISK ASSESSMENT	<b>VILLAGE GREEN MOWING</b>	Version: Date:	<b>1</b> <b>30/09/21</b>	Adopted Date: Minute no.:	<b>TBC</b> <b>TBC</b>	Review Date:	<b>Sep 23</b>
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The methodology used is a combination of quantitative risk assessment (numerically assessing probability & consequence) **Hazard Severity x Likelihood of Occurrence = RISK.**

Hazard Severity (Impact)			Likelihood of Occurrence (Odds)		
1	Nil	Trivial or insignificant harm to persons, property or business activities	1	Not likely	There is no real likelihood of it occurring.
2	Slight	Causing minor harm allowing work / activities to continue	2	Possible	Possible occurrence, but potential is minimal.
3	Moderate	More Serious, capable of resulting in 3 or more days off work for one or more individuals , or property damage resulting in a temporary interruption to business activities with some financial loss.	3	Quite Possible	Incident will only happen if several factors are present.
4	High	Possible fatality or serious injury to an individual. Longer term interruption to business and/or high financial costs.	4	Likely	Regular incidents occur, but no injury. May result in injury with additional factors introduced.
5	Very High	Multiple fatality and/or destruction to work environment. Long term or permanent business interruption and/or very high financial costs.	5	Very Likely	Almost 100% certainty that an incident will occur or it is a common occurrence.

A risk factor can be found using the equation, ranging from 1 (no severity and unlikely to happen) to 25 (just waiting to happen with potentially disastrous results. However it is important to judge both the severity and the likelihood independently. Having identified the numerical risk factor, the 'risk matrix' will help determine the urgency of the action.

#### RISK ASSESSMENT MATRIX.

Likelihood (ODDS)	Potential Severity (IMPACT)					1-5	Low Risk	Tolerable	Little or no action required
	1	2	3	4	5				
2	4	6	8	10	6-9	Medium Risk	Unacceptable	Some action required and monitor during event.	
3	6	9	12	15					
4	8	12	16	20					
5	10	15	20	25	10-25	High Risk	Unacceptable	Urgent action required. Stop process. Compensatory measures / new procedures must be put in place within 24hrs. Resolving the issue may take longer, but must be in hand. (People may need to be removed from the risk whilst it is assessed.)	

## Introduction

This risk Assessment is written and should be read in connection with the guidance provided to using the Village Green posted on the Village Green Notice Board. The risk assessment ensures that hazards and risks associated with the mowing the Green by the mowing team, are identified and assessed and that the assessments are managed in accordance with the relevant legislation. It should be noted that the Village Green is an open space available to users from within and outside the village. This assessment is in addition to the Generic Village Green Assessment already published and adopted and is specific to the mowing of the Green itself potential hazards are assessed below under the list of Mowing Assessments.

## Requirements

- The Health & Safety at Work Act 1974
- The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999
- NWPC Insurance Policy

## Mowing Risk Assessments

Activity	Hazard / Risk	People at risk	Mitigation of Risk / control measures	Impact	Odds	Score	Action required	Target date and by whom
Maintenance of Mower	Failure of mower due to mechanical failure	Drivers of Village Green Mower	Regular servicing of the mower to maintain serviceability. Report faults as as possible.	1	2	2	Regular Annual service and repairs done as soon as faults become apparent	Already in action
Driving Skills	Accidents caused by poor driving	Drivers of the mower	New Drivers to be instructed before being allowed to operate the mower alone. Only allow the mowing team to drive the mower	3	1	3	Driving & operating instruction to given to new drivers	Already in action
Mowing while public are present	Problems with Children or Adults	Users of VG and Mower drivers	Drivers must ensure the public keep clear of the mower when in use. If necessary, they must stop the mower and talk to people on the VG	3	1	3	Awareness of Public using the VG	Already in action
Mowing near Swales	Falling off the mower or bogging it in a swale	Drivers of the mower	Drive cautiously next to swales	2	2	4	Include warnings in driver instruction	Already in action
Mowing near bank of Wallop Brook	Possibility of driving the Mower off the bank into the stream with a potential drop of 1 metre	Drivers of the mower	Drive Very Cautiously alongside the stream bank. If in doubt leave bank edge uncut.	2.5	2	5	Include warnings in driver instruction	Already in action
Mowing between Swales and highway	Risk of collision with a passing vehicle	Drivers of the mower and passing road users	Be aware of increased risk of driving near highway. Avoid driving on the Highway. Be prepared to stop if necessary.	4	1	4	Include warnings in driver instruction	Already in action
Refuelling Mower	Petrol Spillage	Drivers of the mower	Always use funnel supplied	3	1	3	Include in driver instruction	Already in action

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