

General Risk assessment – Southons Field

Company name: **MARDEN PARISH COUNCIL**

Date of risk assessment: **August 2024**

SOUTHONS FIELD

No.	Hazard Description	How could harm occur?	Who could be harmed?	Control measures to be implemented	H/M/L
1	Defective driveway, footpaths and open space, rabbit holes	Injured through trips or slips	Visitors	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	L
2	Litter bins	Cuts, infections	Visitors	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.	L
3	Fencing/Gates	Cuts from broken fencing, finger entrapment	Visitors	Fences and gates inspected regularly and repairs undertaken asap	L
4	Mowing and Strimming Machine and manual handling hazards	Muscular injury stones/other objects being thrown up by mower or strimmer	Employees Visitors	Mowing and strimming currently undertaken by caretaker/contractor (see individual risk assessment). Any mowing and strimming not to be undertaken when public in vicinity Correct PPE to be used Grass to be checked for objects/glass prior to mowing/strimming. Ongoing checks to ensure PPE is being used correctly	M
5	Seating and benches	Injury from damaged benches	Employees Visitors	Inspected regularly Repairs undertaken asap or bench removed if beyond repair. Seating secured to the ground to minimise vandalism.	L

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6	Dog Fouling	Faeces / disease	Employees Visitors	Only assistance dogs permitted onto Southons Field Caretaker to monitor for evidence and remove if found All surrounding properties notified of no dog policy on field Reminder letters sent regularly / article in newsletter if dogs are seen on field	L
7	Trees and Vegetation	Injury from overhanging branches, diseased trees, falling trees and tree roots	Employees Visitors	3 yearly Tree Audit undertaken in June 2024. Work to be evaluated and undertaken by tree surgeon. Caretaker checks/monitors trees on a regular basis and after high winds. Six monthly visual tree check by volunteer Tree Warden Take immediate action if urgent or reports for further instruction from Clerk/Council if not. Caretaker ensures no poisonous/hazardous plants are growing in area All vegetation cut back regularly	M
8	Pavilion / Mower Shed / Storage Shed	Injury from falling roof panels	Employees Visitors	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	L
9	Football goal	Caught in goal net – twisted ankle	Visitors	Monitored regularly Repair or replace when damaged	L