

RISK ASSESSMENT FORM

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| Location: Hornby Catholic Church Garden | Assessor(s): E, Hornyold-Strickland | Date: 01.04.2021 |
| | Signature(s): E, Hornyold-Strickland | Date for Review: 31.03.2022 |

| Activity/ Hazard | Risk | Who is at Risk? | Existing Controls | Risk Rating | | | Additional Controls Required |
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| Grass. Park users walking on slippery grass especially banks when wet | Risk of slipping | Garden Visitors or Churchgoers | All paths are subject to routine inspection and the Garden would be closed off or the area fenced off with rope and pin if a danger was identified | 3 | 2 | 6 | Any areas of turf that become saturated, can be isolated using rope and pin |
| Paths People using the footpaths | Slips, trips and falls | Garden Visitors or Churchgoers | All paths are subject to routine inspection and the Garden would be closed off or the area fenced off with rope and pin if a danger was identified | 2 | 2 | 4 | None Needed |
| Paths Maintenance of Paths | Slips, trips and falls due to poor maintenance | Garden Visitors or Churchgoers | All paths are subject to routine inspection and the Garden would be closed off or the area fenced off with rope and pin if a danger was identified. Maintenance is instructed as required | 2 | 1 | 2 | None needed. |

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| Walls (Boundary and Internal) | Slips, trips and falls when wet or due to poor maintenance | Garden Visitors or Churchgoers | All walls are subject to routine inspection and the Garden would be closed off or the area fenced off with rope and pin if a danger was identified | 2 | 1 | 2 | None needed. |
| Dog Fouling | Ill Health | Garden Visitors or Churchgoers | 'No Dogs' signs present. Dog bins provided where there is a persistent problem. Grass cleared before mowing. | 2 | 1 | 2 | None needed. |
| Trees Area under Mature/ | Injuries caused by falling branches, etc | Garden Visitors or Churchgoers | Periodic tree inspections and carrying out recommendations of inspections | 2 | 2 | 4 | No further controls needed if Procedures are followed and recommendations of periodic inspections are carried out. |
| Trees. Areas of heavy use, e.g. roads, paths, cycleways, etc under storm conditions | Injuries caused by falling branches, etc | Garden Visitors or Churchgoers | Periodic tree inspections and carrying out recommendations of inspections | 2 | 2 | 4 | No further controls needed if Procedures are followed and recommendations of periodic inspections are carried out. |

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| Snow and Ice Conditions 1. Walking, 2. Running 3. Cycling (All the above activities will be affected when snow and ice are on paths and other paved areas). | Slips, trips falls | Garden Visitors or Churchgoers | All paths are checked routinely and for events or during expected poor weather | 2 | 2 | 4 | None needed |
| | | | conditions would be pre treated with a salt:grit mix (1:5 ratio) and urea prior to Met Office forecast warning of poor weather conditions. Garden would be closed if any significant risk to public existed | 2 | 2 | 4 | None needed |
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| Hazardous flora: Deadly Nightshade (<i>Atropa Belladonna</i>) Giant hogweed (<i>Heracleum Mantegazzianum</i>) Foxglove (<i>Digitalis Purpurea</i>) Monkshood (<i>Aconitum Napellus</i>) Poison Hemlock (<i>Conium maculatum</i>) | Plant sap, stems, seeds or root. Skin contact causing allergic response, burns or irritation Plant ingestion causing poisoning, sudden onset of ill health, severe health impact, death | Garden Visitors or Churchgoers | Such plants shouldn't exist in the Church garden but may propagate as invasive species to be monitored | 2 | 4 | 8 | To discuss local arrangements – Likely to include, monthly inspections or continual inspections of hazardous flora and their locations. Remove specified and identified hazardous flora from public accessible areas. Signpost hazardous flora information at park entrances or in strategic locations within parks. Hazardous flora to remain in place in areas not accessible to visitors, these areas to be identified and monitored. |

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| ¹ Likelihood of Occurrence 1. Improbable: probability is close to zero 2. Remote: Unlikely though conceivable 3. Occasional: Could occur some time 4. Probable: Occurs repeatedly/an event to be expected 5. Frequent: Not surprised if event occurs/will occur several times | ² Likely Consequences 1. Negligible: Trivial injury (requiring minor1 st aid) 2. Minor: Minor injury/short term absence 3. Serious: Single severe injury and/or multiple minor injuries 4. Critical: Single fatality and/or multiple severe injuries 5. Catastrophic: Multiple fatalities | ³ Risk Rating R = L x C 1-5 Tolerable: No additional controls required 6-10 Low Risk: Probably requiring a written Safe System of Work 11-15 Medium Risk: Written SSW required until risk is designed out 16-20 High Risk: Consider Permit to Work 21-25 Intolerable Risk: Cease activity |
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| Trees. Activity/Element | Hazard | Zone affected and likelihood | Existing Controls | Additional Controls Required |
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| Extreme Weather Conditions- High winds (above force 8- 9) Electrical storms Heavy prolonged rainfall | Branch/ canopy failure Whole tree failure Lightning strikes Summer branch drop | Garden behind Church where mature* trees are present (*Trees at risk of dropping limbs are generally categorized as Mature, Over Mature or Veteran) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor weather reports • Met office weather warnings • Garden closure plan • Trees inspected prior to event | Winds above 50 mph close garden to public |

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Trees

The Age Classification of the Trees can be summarised as follows (Oldest to Youngest, from top to bottom):-

- V is Veteran
- OM is Over Mature
- M is Mature
- MA is Middle Aged
- Y is Young