



## Parish Council Open Spaces Risk Assessment

<p><b>Date: 09.07.2024</b></p>	<p><b>Assessed by: Assistant Clerk</b></p>	<p><b>Checked/Validated by: The Clerk</b></p>	<p><b>Location: Yalding Parish Open Spaces:</b></p> <p><b>The Lees (excluding the carpark) The Kintons, The Tatt, Jubilee Filed, Fowl Hall Green, The Village Green.</b></p>	<p><b>Review date: Annual Parish Council Meeting annually</b></p>
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Activity	Hazard	Who might be harmed and how	Existing measures to control risk	Risk rating	Result
General Use	Various	Members of the public	<p>Yalding Parish Council hold £10M of public liability Insurance.</p> <p>All land is inspected at least quarterly by a nominated member of the Parish Council. Any issues are reported to The Clerk for resolution.</p>	Low	A
Moving vehicles	Being struck by vehicles.	Members of the public	<p>The carpark in The Kintons, speed limit signage in place.</p> <p>The Lees Picnic area/car park has a separate risk assessment.</p> <p>The Tatt has limited access although there is a small parking area, and some vehicular access across it. There is also access to Southern water lorries. Due to the fact that this is a no through road the risk is considered minimal.</p> <p>The only Vehicular access at Fowl Hall is the contractors.</p> <p>The Village Green has a right of access across it, which is well-maintained and visible.</p> <p>Sit-on mowers are used for grass cutting. The grounds maintenance companies have their own risk assessments</p>	Medium	A

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Riverbanks	Falling into river.	Members of the public and / or their vehicles	<p>The main river frontage is at the Lees Car Park which has a separate risk assessment.</p> <p>There is river frontage on the main part of The Lees, however there is no river access and it is not directly adjacent to the footpath. There is no possible control for this.</p>	Low	A
Use of the land by members of the public and third parties	Any accident but most likely to be Slip, trips, and falls.	Members of the public, volunteers, council workers and contractors	<p>All land is inspected at least quarterly by a nominated member of the Parish Council. Any issues are reported to The Clerk for resolution.</p> <p>All third parties using Council land for organised events are required to have a safety risk assessment in place and copies given to The Council. Insurance arrangements are established and implemented as necessary.</p> <p>Any work carried out on the land by a principal authority is carried out in accordance with their own health and safety policy. Any concerns are fed back to them by The Clerk.</p> <p>Any work carried out on the land by contractors are subject to a safety risk assessment and Public Liability Insurance being in place. Performance is monitored regularly by The Clerk. Contracts are awarded in line with The Council's Financial Regulations and Standing Orders.</p>	Low	A

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Footbridges	<p>Footbridge breaking or collapsing</p> <p>Tripping uneven ground, slipping on the wet surfaces on the footbridge.</p>	Members of the public	<p>All bridges are inspected and the joints checked at least quarterly as part of the land inspections by a nominated member of the Parish Council. Any issues are reported to The Clerk for resolution.</p> <p>The bridges are jumped on and joints are challenged. If serious damage is found the bridge is closed until repaired.</p> <p>The bridges are also checked for uneven and slippery surfaces</p>	Low	A
Exposure to naturally occurring health hazards.	Exposure to dog fouling, leptospirosis, and Giant Hogweed.	Members of the public	<p>Where appropriate:</p> <p>Bins provided for dog foul, in addition to warning signage.</p> <p>Signs installed with regards the potential for catching Leptospirosis from open watercourses.</p> <p>Signs installed with regards the potential for exposure to Giant Hogweed.</p> <p>Yalding Parish Council is part of The Medway Valley Countryside Partnership Hogweed control program and full support any advice given.</p>	Medium	A

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Flooding	Flood water	Members of the public	All areas of The Lees and part of The Kintons can be covered with flood water in a severe flood. If this is the case it is likely Flood Wardens will be on duty and a warning will be put out via Parish News.	Low	A
Trees	Accidents or damaged caused by the condition of trees	Members of the public	All areas are inspected at least quarterly as part of the land inspections by a nominated member of the Parish Council. Any obvious tree issues are reported to The Clerk for resolution. A detailed inspection of the trees is carried out by an independent expert every three years. The last inspection was in 2024. Tree wardens are in place, they reported any issues to The Clerk. A tree policy is in place.	Low	A

**Things not covered by this assessment:**

- Footpaths that cross Parish council land are maintained by KCC Rights of way
- Verges are maintained by Yalding Parish Council but are the responsibility of KCC Highways
- The Lees Picnic Area and Car Park are covered by a separate risk assessment
- The play area's are covered by a separate risk assessment
- The river and open spaces warden are covered by a separate risk assessment
- Flood Wardens are covered by a separate risk assessment

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