



**Parish Council  
River/open spaces Warden Risk Assessment**

<b>Date: 09.07.2024</b>	<b>Assessed by: Assistant Clerk</b>	<b>Checked/Validated by: The Clerk</b>	<b>Location: Parish Council owned land only, specifically The Lees</b>	<b>Review date: Annual Parish Council Meeting annually</b>
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Activity	Hazard	Who might be harmed and how	Existing measures to control risk	Risk rating	Result
Walking the land	Working alone not being found if an accident incident occurs	Warden	The warden <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• should always tell a nominated person when they are volunteering where they are going and what time they are expected back.</li> <li>• must ensure they have a phone to call for help if required.</li> </ul>	Medium	A
Walking the land	Natural Hazards including pollen, dangerous plants, cuts from thorns, Wasp & Bee stings.	Warden	The warden <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• must take notice of any signage re dangerous plants</li> <li>• must avoid areas with nettles and thorns</li> <li>• should lookout for wasp and bees' nests</li> <li>• should wear suitable clothing.</li> <li>• Should be aware of personal hygiene and wash hands before eating, drinking, smoking, or going to the toilet.</li> </ul>	Low	A

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Walking the land	Physical Hazards: Ground surfaces - uneven or slippery Steep banks Shrubs, brambles, tree branches etc. Weather: sun and hot temperatures; wet and cold temperatures Deep or fast flowing water	Warden	The warden <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Should not work in areas of high risk.( e.g., they must not go too close to the river bank)</li> <li>• Should be aware of surfaces walked on.</li> <li>• Should make themselves aware of uneven ground, missing manhole covers, kerbs and hidden hazards.</li> <li>• Must wear suitable and sensible clothing for the weather conditions i.e., sun hat and sun cream in hot weather, waterproof warm clothing in cold weather.</li> <li>• Should wear sturdy/sensible footwear with adequate grip.</li> <li>• Should take regular breaks out of the sun.</li> <li>• Should carry water and drink regularly.</li> <li>• Should not work in extreme weather.</li> <li>• Should not enter the land in flood conditions</li> </ul>	Medium	A
Walking the land	Asbestos	Warden	If the warden comes across suspected asbestos they must not touch it. Report this to The Clerk immediately.	High	A
Walking the land	Dead/injured animals	Warden	The warden must not pick up any dead/injured animals. Report these to The Clerk immediately.	Low	A

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River bailiffing	Verbal / Physical Abuse	Warden	<p>The warden must always approach fishermen or members of the public assumed to be misusing the land in a polite and courteous manner.</p> <p>The warden must not get in to an argument if the member of the public is not co-operative.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• they must leave the area if a situation arises</li> <li>• any incidents to be reported to The Clerk if they are at risk of immediate physical assault call '999'</li> </ul>	Low	A
Litter Picking	Manual Handling - general from picking up litter, moving large objects, reaching, bending, or twisting	Warden	<p>The warden</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• must only collect waste that is within their personal capability to handle.</li> <li>• should use a litter picker, to avoid unnecessary bending.</li> <li>• must lift items using the correct technique (using the legs and not the back).</li> <li>• should leave large or bulky for trained operatives to collect or lifted as part of a team.</li> <li>• needs to take regular breaks to prevent fatigue because if you are tired you are more prone to injuring yourself.</li> <li>• must assess items for hazards before they move them (e.g., sharp edges, unknown substance).</li> <li>• should Only collect litter that can be put into bags and carried. Bags must not be overfilled.</li> </ul>	Medium	A

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Litter Picking continued	Use of Litter Picker	Warden	The Warden must not handle the claw end of the litter picker with bare hands.	Low	A

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