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WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL RECREATION GROUND PLAY AREA RISK ASSESSMENT



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Version History

Version	Reviewed at	Approved at
Version 1.00	Full Council Meeting of Wootton Parish Council on 12 th October 2016	Full Council Meeting of Wootton Parish Council on 12 th October 2016
Version 2.00	Full Council Meeting of Wootton Parish Council on 10 th May 2017	Full Council Meeting of Wootton Parish Council on 10 th May 2017
Version 2.00	Full Council Meeting of Wootton Parish Council on 11 th September 2019	Full Council Meeting of Wootton Parish Council on 11 th September 2019
Version 2.00	Full Council Meeting of Wootton Parish Council on 14 th October 2020	Full Council Meeting of Wootton Parish Council on 14 th October 2020
Version 2.00	Full Council Meeting of Wootton Parish Council on 5 th May 2021	Full Council Meeting of Wootton Parish Council on 5 th May 2021
Version 2.00	Full Council Meeting of Wootton Parish Council on 12 th October 2022	Full Council Meeting of Wootton Parish Council on 12 th October 2022
Version 2.00	Full Council Meeting of Wootton Parish Council on 10 th January 2024	Full Council Meeting of Wootton Parish Council on 10 th January 2024
Version 2.00	Full Council Meeting of Wootton Parish Council on 14 th May 2025	Full Council Meeting of Wootton Parish Council on 14 th May 2025
Version 2.00	Full Council Meeting of Wootton Parish Council on 11 th March 2026	Full Council Meeting of Wootton Parish Council on 11 th March 2026

To be reviewed annually.

Assessed Risk: Recreation Ground Play Area & Jubilee Garden		Assessed by: Sue Edgar Playford Clerk to the Council and Responsible Financial Officer	Date: 27 th February 2026
SEVERITY OF HARM → LIKELIHOOD OF HARM ↓	NEGLIGIBLE Superficial injuries, minor cuts, and bruises	MODERATE Minor fractures or ill health leading to minor disability	SEVERE Multiple injuries, major fractures, fatalities
IMPROBABLE	SLIGHT	TOLERABLE	MODERATE
POSSIBLE	TOLERABLE	MODERATE	SUBSTANTIAL
FREQUENT	MODERATE	SUBSTANTIAL	INTOLERABLE

Nature of Hazard?	Who might be harmed and how?	Actions already in place,	Further actions required to manage this risk?	Action to be taken by whom?	Further actions by when?	Date completed
Injury from falls from height	Users and carers- risk of falls from equipment or injury due to defects or damage of same	Regular inspections Signage is in place	Installation of rubber safety surface Regular checks to ensure signage giving emergency contact details have not been removed or damaged	Clerk to the Council	None	Ongoing
Impact injury	Users and carers- risk of injury through contact with faulty or damaged parts or	Regular inspections	Ensure annual inspection & maintenance program are in place	Clerk to the Council	The caretaker undertakes weekly and monthly	Ongoing

	components				inspections and Play Safety Ltd (RoSPA) undertake annual inspections	
Injury caused by trip or slip upon entrance to park	Wet grass a possible risk	None	Ensure surfaces are maintained	Clerk to the Council	N/A	Ongoing
Injury caused by discarded litter and bottles	Users/carers injured by stepping/falling on or picking up harmful matter	Caretaker undertakes regular inspections	Ensure litter bin is emptied on a regular basis and harmful matter is removed immediately e.g. broken bottles. Hazardous waste is reported to the Clerk to the Council	Clerk to the Council	The caretaker will clear where possible, but if hazardous waste is found, this will be cleared by Bedford Borough Council's Street Cleansing Team	Ongoing

