

# 2025



## **WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL SPORTS PITCHES (HARRIS WAY) RISK ASSESSMENT**



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## Version History

| Version      | Reviewed at                                                                      | Approved at                                                                      |
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| Version 1.00 | Full Council Meeting of Wootton Parish Council on 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2019    | Full Council Meeting of Wootton Parish Council on 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2019    |
| Version 1.00 | Full Council Meeting of Wootton Parish Council on 14 <sup>th</sup> August 2019   | Full Council Meeting of Wootton Parish Council on 14 <sup>th</sup> August 2019   |
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To be reviewed annually.

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| <b>Assessed Risk:</b> Sports Pitches (Harris Way)            |                                                                        | <b>Assessed by:</b> Sue Edgar Playford<br><br>Clerk to the Council and Responsible Financial Officer | <b>Date:</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2025                            |
| <b>SEVERITY OF HARM →</b><br><br><b>LIKELIHOOD OF HARM ↓</b> | <b>NEGLEGIBLE</b><br><br>Superficial injuries, minor cuts, and bruises | <b>MODERATE</b><br><br>Minor fractures or ill health leading to minor disability                     | <b>SEVERE</b><br><br>Multiple injuries, major fractures, fatalities |
| <b>IMPROBABLE</b>                                            | SLIGHT                                                                 | TOLERABLE                                                                                            | MODERATE                                                            |
| <b>POSSIBLE</b>                                              | TOLERABLE                                                              | <b>MODERATE</b>                                                                                      | SUBSTANTIAL                                                         |
| <b>FREQUENT</b>                                              | 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 |
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| Injury resulting from impact with floor or equipment (including goal posts) | General public – accident risk of slipping or falling on a damaged surface | Regular maintenance to assess ground for large divets, stones or foreign objects | Bedford Borough Council has been appointed as the pitches management entity<br><br>All football teams should undertake their own risk assessments and ensure adequate insurances are in place | BBC/Charitable Trust/WPC and football teams – as necessary | As they occur            | Ongoing        |

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|                                                         |                                                                                                          |                                                                                                  | Report any defects found to the Charitable Trust or Wootton Parish Council – for Bedford Borough Council to remedy |                         |               |         |
| Injury through confrontation with members of the public | Bedford Borough Council employee<br><br>Charitable trust member<br><br>Parish Council member or employee | Avoid entering dialogue with general public on council issues, refer to the Clerk to the Council | None                                                                                                               | All parties             | As they occur | Ongoing |
| Injury caused by dogs/animals                           | General public – accident due to animals                                                                 | It is not possible to have a DCO in the area as the pitches cannot be enclosed                   | None                                                                                                               | All parties to be aware | As they occur | Ongoing |

Bedford Borough Council works to its own Risk Assessment when undertaking maintenance works.