

Wicklewood Allotments Risk Assessment

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing?	What further action is necessary?	Action by who?	Action by when?
Litter, glass	Users of allotments may suffer injuries, cuts.	- Regular inspection of area. - Litter-picking carried out as required.	No further action needed.	Allotment Inspector	Monthly inspection
Dog faeces	Users and walkers on the allotments may suffer infection, Toxicariasis.	- No Dog Fouling signs in place - Regular inspection of area.	No further action needed.	Allotment Inspector	Monthly inspection
Hard surfaces	Users of the allotments may suffer injuries such as fractures or bruising if they fall.	- Keep walkways mowed and in good order. - Regular inspection of area.	Include in allotment agreements that allotment holders use the allotments at their own risk.	Allotment Inspector	Monthly inspection
Poisonous or thorny plants	Users of the allotments may suffer poisoning, skin irritation, scratches, etc.	- Inspection of areas for unsuitable plants and weeds. - Regular inspection of area.	No further action needed.	Allotment Inspector	Monthly inspection
Trees	Users of the allotments may suffer injuries or death due to unsafe or falling branches or trees from neighbouring properties.	Regular inspection of area	No further action needed.	Allotment Inspector	Monthly inspection
Defective ground surface eg. Holes	Users of the allotments may suffer injuries such as fractures or bruising if they trip or fall.	Regular maintenance of walkways and inspection of area.	No further action needed.	Allotment Inspector	Monthly inspection
Vehicle movement (general)	Users of allotments could suffer serious injury or death if struck by moving vehicle.	- General prohibition of vehicles applies except for allotment users and emergency purposes only. - To reduce vehicle movements, allotment holders asked to park in car park unless moving heavy items to/from their plot	Provide 'No unauthorised motor vehicles' and speed limit signs.	Parish Council	Monthly inspection
Fire Hazard	Users of the allotments could suffer burns if bonfires get out of control	Paragraph include in allotment agreement	No further action needed		
Overhead electricity cables	Users of allotments could be electrocuted if in contact with the overhead cables	Advise allotment holders of overhead electricity cables and not to use any long objects that can come into contact with the electricity cables. Avoid erecting sheds or other climbable structures directly under the overhead electricity cables.	Include in allotment agreement Regular inspection should remain.	Parish Council Allotment Inspector	Monthly inspection
Used Needles	Users of the allotments may suffer HIV, Hepatitis B, etc.	Regular inspection of area. Not considered to be a high risk area.	Contact Environmental Health at SNC to arrange disposal	Allotment Inspector or Clerk	Monthly inspection

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