

RISK ASSESSMENT – Green Corridor	
Department/staff:	Open Spaces / Public Spaces
Tasks/activities:	<p>This risk assessment has been prepared in accordance with the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 (HSWA) and relevant supporting legislation, to ensure that all activities, structures, and public access areas within the Green Corridor are managed safely and responsibly.</p> <p>Legal Compliance The Council is committed to fulfilling its statutory duties under:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 – Sections 2, 3 and 4 (duties to employees and the public) • Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 – Risk assessment, prevention, and competent person requirements • Occupiers' Liability Acts 1957 and 1984 – Duty of care to lawful visitors and, where applicable, trespassers • Health and Safety (Safety Signs and Signals) Regulations 1996 – Provision of adequate and appropriate warning signage • Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR) 2013 – Incident reporting • Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations (PUWER) 1998 – Safe inspection and use of tools, play equipment, and maintenance machinery <p>Statement of Intent Wellington Town Council recognises its duty to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, the health, safety, and welfare of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employees, contractors, and volunteers working in or maintaining the Green Corridor • Members of the public using the paths, play areas, bridges, and natural spaces • Children and young people using play and recreation equipment <p>Scope of Safety Management To comply with these duties, the Council will ensure that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All foreseeable hazards (including water edges, deep water, steep banks, bridges, uneven ground, and play structures) are identified and controlled. 2. Appropriate physical measures are installed and maintained, including fencing, barriers, handrails, and safe surfacing where necessary. 3. Vandal-resistant warning signage is displayed, including “Deep Water” and “Keep to Paths” notices, along with emergency information and What3Words locations. 4. Lifesaving equipment (where provided) is regularly inspected and maintained, and procedures are in place to report use or vandalism. 5. Regular inspections are carried out by competent persons, with findings recorded and actions tracked to completion.

6. **Land ownership and responsibilities** are confirmed before undertaking works or alterations.
7. **Emergency procedures** (such as the "Fox's Field Emergency Information") are publicly accessible, including via QR code signage at high-risk locations.
8. **Public reporting channels** are maintained to allow residents to report hazards or damage directly to the Council.
9. **All incidents and near misses** are recorded, investigated, and reported as required under RIDDOR.
10. The risk assessment and all associated control measures are reviewed annually or following any significant incident, environmental change, or new installation.
11. All contractors engaged by WTC will be required to submit risk assessments and method statements (RAMS) for review prior to work
12. The Council will liaise with emergency services and the Environment Agency regarding flood or water safety risk as part of ongoing reviews.

Council Commitment

Wellington Town Council will maintain a culture of safety awareness, ensure all staff and volunteers are trained appropriately, and work with partner agencies (such as Somerset Council and emergency services) to uphold the highest practicable standards of public safety across the Green Corridor network.

Risk Assessment Sign Off








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Last Review Date:		By:			

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Personal protective equipment (PPE) assessment

In many instances, you will be able to reduce risks further by asking staff/others to wear/use PPE. You should identify which items are required for the task here:

Type of PPE:								
	Head	Foot	Eye	Hand	Hearing	High Visual Jacket	RPE	Fall arrest
		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Additional requirements:	All other PPE to be worn as required by individual risk assessments and method statements. Wellington Town Council employees must follow PPE requirements related to the task.							

Note. PPE must only be considered as, when other control measures, such as guarding, local exhaust extraction, preventing noise at source, eliminating the need to work at height etc. are not possible. PPE should always be considered as a last resort option. PPE should only be worn when there is reasonable justification for doing so.

Risk matrix


Risk rating guidance	Likelihood (L)	5	5	10	15	20	25	Likelihood (L) x Severity (S) = Risk rating (RR).
		4	4	8	12	16	20	
		3	3	6	9	12	15	
		2	2	4	6	8	10	
		1	1	2	3	4	5	
			1	2	3	4	5	
		Severity (S)						
Acceptability of risk guidance	High risk: 15-25		High-risk activities should cease immediately. Further effective control measures to mitigate risks must be introduced.					
	Medium risk: 8-12		Medium risks should only be tolerated for the short term and only whilst further control measures to mitigate the risks are being planned and introduced.					
	Low risk: 1-6		Low risks are largely acceptable. Where it is reasonable to do so, efforts should be made to reduce risks further.					


Guidance.
When
completing a
risk
assessment,
you should:



1. Identify the persons at risk and the significant hazards.
2. Calculate an initial RR for the activity.
3. Identify risk control measures that reduce the risks to an acceptable level.
4. Calculate a revised RR - you should consider how much safer the task will be if the control measures are followed. Here, you should consider changing both the likelihood (L) and the severity (S) ratings.


Note. Ideally, you should look to reduce the risks so that the task can be classified as "low risk".

Risk Assessment

Location	Persons at risk	Significant hazards	Initial			Risk control measures advised	Residual		
			L	S	RR		L	S	RR
Fox's Field	General Public, Children	Drowning , entrapment	4	5	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommend for action lifesaving equipment is placed in accessible vicinity of pond • Signage warning public of deep water and emergency procedures • Signage to show location what three words and location details. • Accessible via QR code on signage • Life buoys and signage to be inspected weekly by open spaces team. • QR Code available for public to report life buoy use and any maintenance or issues council to be aware of. 	1	5	5
Green Corridor Play Areas	General Public , Children	Trips , falls , impact injuries.	4	4	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure all fencing within identified areas are replaced / repaired. • All gating to be secured. • All play equipment to be weekly inspected, if repairs are required these should be done immediately or equipment isolated from accidental use. • Children's play area to have signage allowing for reporting of any maintenance / safety concerns. 	1	3	3

						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All play equipment to be ROSPA annually inspected. 			
Mill buildings within Fox Fields	General Public	Unauthorised access to site, falls from height.	4	5	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enforcement action is underway against site owner. Site owner is responsible for managing risks and entry to premises. 	1	4	4
Green Corridor	General Public, WTC employees, contractors	Electrocution , death , unauthorised access	5	5	25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All locations of overhead powerlines to mapped. Providers to ensure all signage on overhead power lines is correct and access is as reasonably practicable is restricted. Any tipping or ground works completed within the green corridor have been risk assessed and locations of overhead power lines documented. Map all utilities field by field; maintain GIS record. Only approved contractors and network providers to carry out works on over head power lines. 	1	5	5
Green Corridor	General Public	General Public unaware of risks associated with green corridor.	3	4	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signage to be placed in strategic locations within the green corridor, around footpath entrances and adjoining new path entrances. Warning of general hazards such as uneven ground, no fires and no motorised vehicles permitted. Reporting QR code allowing the public to communicate any safety concerns or repairs required to the council open spaces team. Location specific (signage placement) what three words and emergency procedures to be available. 	1	3	3

									
Container at Fox's Field	General Public	Children climbing – fall from height	4	4	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install anti-climb fencing or barriers; remove bench or trellis aiding access; signage warning of climbing hazard. • If not owned by council seek removal of container. 	1	4	4
Path from Railway Crossing	General Public	Falls from height	3	4	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install or repair missing fences on both banks 	1	2	2
Bridge at Linden Drive	General Public	Loose rails / missing top rail – fall into water	3	4	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verify Ownership of bridge and land. • Erect temporary safety barrier and full repair or replacement of barriers. 	1	2	2
Path by Basin	General Public	6ft drop into outlet – fall hazard	4	4	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install guardrail or natural barrier • Signage to warn of uneven edge / fall hazard on barrier. 	1	3	3

									
Great Meadow Access (Rockwell Green / Corams Lane)	General Public	Broken fence, steep ditch and bank	3	3	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repair broken fence , as areas are access areas signage to be in place. 	1	2	2
Richards Close Play Area	General Public , Children	Unsafe retaining wall; damaged temporary fencing	3	3	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain secure temporary barrier; schedule permanent wall repair or removal. 	1	2	2
Thunder Bridge Access	General Public	Trip hazard on stepping stones; ownership unclear	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarify ground ownership of area. Signage to be in place on access point warning users of stepping stone hazard. 	1	2	2
Victoria Falls Crossing	General Public	Unsafe access – fall risk	3	3	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarify ground ownership. Design long term safe access point with signage. Repair to bridge and fencing required. 	1	3	3

Distribution Schedule

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