

Risk Assessment Form for activities/areas outside

AREA/PROCESSES/ACTIVITIES ASSESSED: *Bowdon Parish Church and churchyard- Friends of Bowdon Church yard*

Date: 01/11/2020	Assessed by: Chris Cadman	Location: <i>Bowdon church yard and access to the yard</i>	Assessment No: C2 Review date: November 2021
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What has the potential to cause harm (hazards)?	Numbers/ Who is affected?	Record the preventive and protective measures already in place?	S	L	R	What further action, if any, needs to be taken to reduce risk sufficiently?
Slips and trips when accessing and moving round the churchyard	Any person entering or leaving the churchyard	Signage warning of slippery paving flags are displayed on the church walls Cleaning of paving flags as required	5	3	15	There is still a risk of slipping during inclement weather such as rain, ice/snow plus moss builds up on the paving flags. Any person must wear suitable anti slip footwear before attempting to access the churchyard via the paving flags. Extreme care must be taken. Ensure the grassy path/areas are used to walk down the churchyard thus avoiding the gravestones. Avoid walking/standing on gravestones as they are uneven/broken. It is

						recommended that during rain/snow or ice that people do not attempt to work on the graves, to minimise the risk of slips.
Use of gardening equipment, spades, trowels, half moon/edging spades causing cuts/lacerations Leaf blowers potential for debris to fly around hitting anybody close by.	Any person using the equipment or nearby if the leaf blower is in use.	Because people bring their own equipment it is assumed they will know how to use it safely. They should ensure nobody is in the vicinity when using the leaf blower	3	1	3	
Strimmer which can cause flying debris causing bruising/cuts etc	Struck by flying debris/stones/sticks	Goggles to be worn but again the person using this equipment will know how to use it so the risk is low. Caution must be taken to ensure nobody else is in the vicinity whilst strimming.	3	1	3	
Manual handling of grass/moss removed whilst tending to adopted	Any person working on a		2	2	4	An area to be designated for composting. Some form of receptacle to be brought

graves causing backache	grave					with you to help with the moving of grass/moss. Only carry what you are able to carry comfortably whilst not putting yourself at risk of slipping due to limited vision when holding a large bag etc It is recommended gloves are worn
Fall from height from the wall at the bottom of the churchyard causing broken bones or in extreme circumstances even death	Any person venturing to the bottom of the churchyard especially children or people who have either impaired vision or limited mobility	Some of the area has bushes which restrict access to the wall and there are some signs on trees	5	4	20	It is imperative that everybody is warned about the extreme risk of falling off the wall. There is no barrier. Any person asking for access to the churchyard must be warned in advance. All children must be supervised. There must be consideration to cordoning the area off to prevent any falls

S = Severity

L = Likelihood

R = Residual risk rating

General Risk Assessment Form

Table 1: Risk Assessment Matrix (Risk Rating)

	Certain (5)	Very Likely (4)	Likely (3)	May happen (2)	Unlikely (1)
Death (5)	25	20	15	10	5
Major injury (4)	20	16	12	8	4
Up to three day injury (3)	15	12	9	6	3
Minor injury (treatment off site)(2)	10	8	6	4	2
Minor injury (first aid on site) (1)	5	4	3	2	1

Score	Priority	Action
1-4	LOW	Action is required to reduce the risk, although low priority. Time, effort and cost should be proportional to the risk.
5-10	MEDIUM	Action required soon to control. Interim measures may be necessary in the short term.
11-25	HIGH	Action required urgently to control risks. Further resources may be needed.