

Risk Assessment: Public Access to Village Green. Revision 2.1 Date: 18.7.25. This RA is a 'live document'.

Review Date: Annually (or when RA no longer valid).

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| Activity | POTENTIAL HAZARD | INITIAL RISK (Likelihood X Severity) | CONTROL | RESIDUAL RISK |
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| Public access into Village Green | Overgrown field which could result in hidden hazards. | Medium Risk Injury from fall/trip (twisted ankle being the most probable) | ONGOING CONTROLS: General green inspection and maintenance. Regular checks on the condition of green and boundary hedges. Cut and remove excess grass to expose existing ground level. SIGNAGE: Children to be accompanied by responsible adult. Dogs MUST be kept on a lead. Dog mess to be cleaned up immediately. Do not litter this area, take your rubbish home. Constructed pathway will be wheelchair friendly | Low Risk |
| Public access into Village Green | Overgrown trees and hedges | Medium Minor injury from cuts and grazes (most probable) which may result in infection. | Cut back hedges and trees to form a uniform hedge and remove cuttings. | Low Risk |
| Public access into Village Green | Uneven ground | Medium Injury from fall/trip (twisted ankle being the most probable) | When the controls associated with overgrown grass/hedges and tree's are complete (as itemised above), inspect the ground condition to see if any additional levelling is required. | Low Risk |
| Public access into Village Green | Redundant Farm equipment/Sharp objects | Medium Risk Minor injury cuts and grazes (most probable) which may result in infection. | Inspect area and remove any potential hazards, prior to public access. | Low Risk |

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| Public access into Village Green | Manhole - Yorkshire Water Sewer/Manhole | <p>High Risk</p> <p>Possible access into live sewer, which could result in disease and/or injury from falling from height.</p> | <p>The sewer is closed off by a locked manhole cover, and keys are required to open the manhole.</p> <p>The manhole cover is a considerable weight and cannot be opened without a serious and determined effort. The sewer/manhole will not compromise use of the site providing there are no permanent buildings constructed, or trees planted within 5m of the sewer line.</p> <p>Yorkshire Water must carry out an independent RA (confined space) for any entry into the manhole/sewer.</p> | Low Risk |
| Public access into Village Green | Raised Manhole - Yorkshire Water | <p>Medium Risk</p> <p>Falling/jumping from raised manhole which could result in Injury from fall/trip (twisted ankle being the most probable)</p> | <p>Ask Yorkshire Water to reduce Manhole to ground level.</p> <p>Fence/construct platform around Manhole in such a way that it cannot be accessed to use as a platform to jump/fall from.</p> | Low Risk |

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| Public access into Village Green | Bryan Mills Beck runs along the side of the Green | <p>Medium/High Risk</p> <p>Although the water level in the Beck is normally low (a few inches), there are times after heavy rainfall that the Beck becomes flooded. This RA assessment must ensure that both these scenarios are covered.</p> <p>Beck at normal water level - Medium Risk Damage to clothing/footware and/or possible shock being the most probable (getting wet).</p> <p>Beck at high water level - High Risk There are times after heavy rainfall that the Beck becomes flooded, and this could be a possible risk to life from drowning.</p> <p>Sewerage contamination of the Beck - Normally there is no raw sewage discharge into the Beck. However, there are times that Yorkshire Water will discharge raw sewage into the Beck from the combined water/sewage unit located on Chapel Street.</p> | No access into the Beck directly from the Village Green. Natural hedge must be suitable to prevent access to Beck. Where this is not the case, a fence must be erected to prevent access. | Low Risk |
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| Public access into Village Green | Egress from Village Green onto Thorpe | <p>High Risk</p> <p>Serious Injury or possible fatality from oncoming traffic</p> | <p>The position of the entrance into the Green has been dictated by ERYC Planning and Highways Authority.</p> <p>The reason this location was selected is the close proximity to High Bridge. Therefore, cars would either be slowing down approaching the bridge, or moving slowly over the bridge, picking up speed after the entrance to the Green.</p> <p>In the interests of Health & Safety, the vehicular and pedestrian gates have been recessed into the site by approximately 4m . The hedge will be reduced to a maximum height of 1.05m, resulting in clear visibility for both pedestrians and drivers alike.</p> <p>Where possible, there will be a 33m visibility splay from the green access/egress onto the highway.</p> | Low Risk |
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| Public access into Village Green | Vandalism of Green and/or green furniture. | Medium Risk | Ongoing controls: Green maintained in good condition. Regular maintenance checks. | Low Risk |
| Unauthorized third party access to green | Parking of vans and/or caravans on green. | Medium Risk | The vehicular access gate is to be remained locked at all times, the exception being during maintenance activities, when someone would be present. | Low Risk |

Risk Assessment – Ongoing Maintenance of the Village Green

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| Ongoing Maintenance of Village Green by contractors and/or volunteers | Tractors Mowers Strimmer's Rotating machinery Chain saws Sharp tools Falling vegetation Chemicals | High Risk. Serious Injury - cuts to limbs and/or body, resulting in disability. Working at height Strains from heavy loads Noise/vibration and dust. Burs/irritation. | All work must be planned in advance. Contractors to be selected based on their experience and the correct level of insurance cover. Ensure all equipment used is in good condition and well maintained. Only trained and competent people to use any maintenance equipment. Strictly follow the manufactures recommendations for maintenance and use of any equipment used. Ensure the correct level personal protective equipment is used for all tasks. Any tree work above ground requires an independent RA, and the contractor to have the required licence for working above ground. If any chemicals are being used ensure the material data sheet and COSHH information is available and strictly adhered to | Low |