



GREAT MASSINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

PLAY AREA RISK ASSESSMENT

Activity:	Play Areas	Date:	August 2026	Location:	Playing Field, Station Road
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(1) Activity/ Area of Concern	(2) Hazards Identified	(3) Persons at Risk	(4) Risk Factor	(5) Actions to be taken to minimise each risk
Play Equipment - Various	Risk of injury	Members of the public – especially children	Low	Regular inspections by a competent person carried out weekly. These inspections are recorded. Annual Play Area Inspection carried out. Any repairs carried out asap by a competent person. Hazardous equipment removed from use/fenced off/signs erected/taped off. Phone number for public to report any defects.

Defective Surfaces	Risk of injury – Slips, trips, falls	Members of the public – especially children	Low	Regular inspections for safety defects e.g. pot holes, glass etc (recorded). Any repairs carried out asap by a competent person. Warning signs erected as necessary. Any unauthorised vehicular use monitored e.g. off road motor bikes etc., Police notified.
Bins	Risk of Injury - Cuts	Members of the public	Low	Inspected regularly and repairs done as needed. Dangerous bins removed from use. Bin constructed of toughened material. Bins emptied on a weekly basis or as necessary.
Fencing	Risk of Injury - Cuts	Members of the public	Low	Fences regularly inspected (recorded). Rapid response to defect reports. Fence removed if in dangerous condition.

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Seating	Risk of Injury	Members of the public	Low	Facilities regularly inspected (recorded) Defects repaired asap. Defective seating removed from use. Seating constructed of durable materials. Seating secured to ground to minimise vandalism.
Dog Fouling	Infection/Ill Health	Members of the public	Low	'NO Dogs' signs erected at each entrance. Dog warden patrols area on an ad hoc basis. Grass walked and any fouling removed prior to grass cutting.
Vegetation	Poisoning/Cuts	Members of the public	Low	Non-hazardous plants in Play Area. Hazardous vegetation removed and/or cut well back.