

Otterford Parish Council
Risk Assessment for Otterford Playing Fields

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Approved By Parish Council	Date 11 th November 2014		

Use the table below to score the risks in the **Risk Assessment Table**.

Likelihood (a)		Severity (b)		Magnitude = a x b
Certain	5	Fatality	6	2 x 3 = 6
Probable	4	Serious Disablement	5	le LOW RISK
Even Chance	3	Sprain, Major Cuts/Bruises	4	High Risk = 21 to 30
Possible	2	Minor Cut/Strain	3	Medium Risk = 11 to 20
Unlikely	1	Minor Bruises/Grazes	2	Low Risk = 2 to 10

Risk Assessment Table

HAZARD	RISK	CONTROLS	SCORE	RISK
Access gates to OPF	Children leaving the Fields unsupervised/ traffic	a. Vehicular gate kept locked unless in use. b. Pedestrian gates checked by Warden weekly (summer months) and monthly (winter), to ensure springs and locks are functioning correctly. c. Notices saying 'Please shut the gate'. d. Remedy any reported defects immediately. e. Parents to ensure gate is shut behind them, and watch children.	2 x 6 = 12	M
Grassed Areas & Slopes	Cuts, abrasions,	a. Grass cutting and (in bottom field) removal. b. Parents to supervise children, and all users to take care.	4 x 3 = 12	M
Dog Faeces, and Animal Droppings	Infection, Toxicanasis	a. Notices on gates saying 'No Dogs' b. Consider prosecution if this is ignored. c. Check by Warden weekly (summer months), monthly (winter) for gaps in hedge – and secure to stop farm animals entering. d. All users to remain observant: if possible bag up and place in litter bin.	2 x 5 = 10	L

HAZARD	RISK	CONTROLS	SCORE	RISK
Hedges, Trees & Shrubs	Trips, cuts, eye pokes, allergic reaction	a. Hedge sides to be cut annually. b. Users to be alert to the risks and keep a look out for hazards. c. Users to be aware of low hanging branches and exposed tree and shrub roots.	2 x 4 = 8	L
Play Equipment - Climbing Frames & Swings	Fall from, tripping over, or colliding with equipment. Cuts, broken limbs	a. Annual safety inspection – and urgent remedying of any defects found. b. Check by Warden weekly (summer months), monthly (winter) – and urgent remedying of any defects found. c. Parents to supervise younger children.	2 x 5 = 10	L
Play Equipment – Goalpost		To follow		
Picnic Tables & Benches	Knocks, splinters. Cuts, bruises, infection	a. Annual safety inspection – and urgent remedying of any defects found. b. Check by Warden weekly (summer months), monthly (winter) – and urgent remedying of any defects found.	2 x 3 = 6	L
Animals – Domestic, wild & farm	Cuts, bruises, abrasions, broken limbs, infection	a. Check by Warden weekly (summer months), monthly (winter) for gaps in hedge – and urgent remedying of any defects found. b. If animals are present report to adjacent landowner or a Parish Councillor.	2 x 4 = 8	L