



Allotment Risk Assessment

Plot holders should note that the Parish Council's responsibilities as maintainer of the allotment land are covered by their Public Liability Insurance. However activities undertaken on the allotment land by individual plot holders or any association would not usually be the responsibility of the Council. Individual plot holders with a home contents insurance policy may find that it provides some personal liability cover for their activities.

- Each allotment holder is responsible for their actions and use of allotment gardens
- Each allotment holder is responsible for their health and safety. It is suggested that you carry a mobile phone in case you need to call for help.
- All children must be supervised at all times by parents and/or guardians and/or carers who are fully responsible for the actions of the child(ren) whilst on site. No unaccompanied minors (under 16) are permitted at any time.
- Dogs should be kept on a lead and only permitted on the owner's allotment and access route to it. The owner should of course pick up after their dog.
- Be aware that any equipment or tools stored are at the tenant's risk.
- Keep the allotment gardens free of rubbish and waste materials

Risk Identification	Who is at Risk & How	Risk Level	Evaluation of Risk & Precautions	Responsibility	Comments
Injuries sustained by allotment workers by use of gardening equipment.	Allotment workers	M	Allotment workers are expected to act in a safe and reasonable manner. The Council has public liability insurance.	Allotment workers	no injuries reported
Trip hazards including hosepipe	Allotment workers & visitors	M	Allotment workers are expected to act in a reasonable manner and to tidy the site to keep themselves and others safe. The Council has public liability insurance.	Allotment workers	interconnecting paths & grass are cut regularly

Emergency vehicles not being able to access the site	Allotment workers & visitors	L	Fire access- the gates are not locked. Gate would be open if there was someone on site who required an ambulance .	Allotment workers	
Wasp/bee stings	Allotment workers & visitors	L	Allotment workers should carry their own medication if severely allergic to insects bites/stings. Removal of insect nests will be arranged by the Parish Office as a matter of urgency.	Allotment workers & Parish Office	no reports of any strings
Injuries or illness resulting from misuse of chemicals, fertiliser, or compost used by allotment holders	Allotment workers by exposure	L	Allotment workers are expected to use chemicals etc as directed with appropriate PPE and to act in a safe and reasonable manner.	Allotment workers	no injuries reported
Cat & Dog faeces	Allotment workers by contamination	L	The gates are closed unless someone is working on the plots, so dogs should not have ready access. See notes in preface for plot holders' dogs. Cats cannot be excluded but there is a dog waste bin just outside the allotments.	Allotment workers	no issues reported
Rats & Mice	Allotment workers from disease carried by rodents	L	There are no sheds or poultry kept on site which reduces the likelihood of vermin. Infestations of pests should be reported to the Council who will arrange for removal.	Allotment workers & Parish Office	There is the possibility of mice/rats from the neighbouring gardens and land. However this does not seem to be a significant problem at this time