

# **LITTLE GADDESDEN PARISH COUNCIL**

## **VILLAGE GREEN RISK ASSESSMENT**

**June 2023**

**RISK RATING** = Likelihood (L) x Severity (S).      **RISK RATING KEY:** 15 to 25 = High Risk   8 to 12 = Moderate Risk.   1 to 6 = Low Risk

Potential Hazards	People / Assets at Risk	L	S	Risk Rating H-M-L	Control Measures	Additional Controls	L	S	Risk Rating H-M-L	Action Needed
Collision Hazard - cars joining Nettleden Road from driveways	Road users	2	4	8 - M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain 2m cut verge around the Green (roadside and driveways)</li> <li>Mow monthly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speed control through the village</li> </ul>	2	2	4 - L	Ensure frequent maintenance of grass verges
Health Hazard - Dog excrement	Pedestrians on the Green	3	1	3-L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provision of litter bins</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider the provision of poo bags at each end of the Green and dedicated poo bins</li> </ul>	3	1	3 - L	
Litter Bins - wasps and overflow of litter	Pedestrians on the Green	3	2	6 - L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The bins are checked and emptied regularly</li> </ul>		1	1	1 - L	
Trees - falling branches	Pedestrians on the Green	2	2	4 - L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weekly inspection by Parish warden</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Three yearly arboricultural review - last carried out 2022, due 2025</li> </ul>	2	2	4 - L	

Fixed Furniture - benches, notice boards litter bins etc.	Personal injury to pedestrians on the Green	2	2	4 - L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notice Boards and Fingerpost signs fixed to the ground and maintained / updated regularly</li> <li>• Litter bins checked regularly for structural integrity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Jubilee Bench is no longer fit for purpose and is both a physical risk and a fire hazard</li> </ul>	2	2	4 - L	Removal of the 'Jubilee Bench'
Fire Hazard - long dry grass / vegetation on the Green and overhead cables	Local residents, vehicular traffic, parked cars, houses on the Green	2	5	10 - M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agreed annual 'harvesting' schedule for June / July</li> <li>• LGPC signage prohibiting fires and /or the use of flammable materials on the Green</li> <li>• LGPC to agree the exceptional use of the Green for parking</li> <li>• Fly tipping reported to DBC for removal</li> <li>• Telegraph poles / overhead cables checked regularly for safety and security and carry appropriate signage</li> <li>• Grass areas inspected when grass is cut, and holes backfilled</li> <li>• Any reports of broken glass to be responded to quickly and hazard marked until cleared</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider additional checks and more regularly cutting in very hot / dry weather</li> <li>• Consider additional signage to prevent littering - particularly glass bottles etc.</li> <li>• Consider enforcing the 'no parking' rule between sunset and sunrise on the Green access ways</li> <li>• Prohibit the refuelling of the grass cutting equipment when in use on the Green</li> <li>• Contractors to perform their own risk assessments before commencing any ground work</li> </ul>	2	5	10 - M	

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