

Ashwick Parish Council Open Spaces Risk Assessment

Location:

Public Open Space on Pound Lane

Description

Small area of land entered via a gate and consists of a seating area, footpath and flower beds. There are also low stone walls and a hedge.

Risk Assessment Table

Area / Hazard	Risk Description	Potential Harm	Control Measures	Risk Level
Bench (Seating Area)	Deterioration, loose fittings, splinters, unstable structure	Minor injury (cuts, falls)	Regular inspections (quarterly), repair or replace damaged parts, keep area clear	Low
Flower Beds	Uneven ground, maintenance activities, plant-related hazards	Trips, minor injury, allergic reactions	Clearly defined edges, competent maintenance, avoid hazardous plants, safe tool storage	Low
Gate and Access Point	Pinch points, faulty hinges/latch, uneven threshold	Finger injuries, trips/falls	Maintain gate condition, inspect fixtures regularly, ensure level and clear access	Low
Layby Parking Area	Limited space, poor visibility, vehicle/pedestrian interaction	Collision risk, injury	Maintain clear sightlines, informal use only, consider signage for caution	Medium
General Site (Slips/Trips)	Wet/icy surfaces, uneven ground	Slips, trips, minor injury	Routine inspections, seasonal awareness (ice/wet), maintain surfaces	Low
Litter / Fly-tipping	Debris causing obstruction or hazard	Cuts, trips, health risks	Regular litter picking, monitor site, respond to issues promptly	Low
Anti-social Behaviour	Misuse of space	Damage, safety concerns	Periodic monitoring, report incidents, consider further measures if needed	Low

Approved by the Parish Council – 13th May 2026