

BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

RISK ASSESSMENT: ALLOTMENTS

Activity	Potential hazards	What risks do they pose	Control measures	Risk level High (H), Medium (M), Low (L)	Are additional measures necessary?
Driving – lawn mowers or mechanised digging equipment	Traffic accidents	Injury to operatives/consistent with this type of incident or members of the public	Only authorised vehicles allowed in the allotments (i.e. Contractors) and holders are only able to use domestic grade equipment	L	Contractors will be liable for their own risk assessment to protect their employees and members of the public
Operating equipment (inc. grass and hedge cutting)	Fire/operating accidents	Injury to operatives/burns/cuts/foreign bodies in eyes/smoke inhalation/ingestion	Allotment holders will only use domestic grade equipment and be responsible for using equipment in line with manufactures recommendations	L	Allotment Holders and Contractors will be liable for their own risk assessment to protect their employees
Operating equipment and accidents with tools	Fire/operating accidents	Injury to Allotment holders and members of public/burns/cuts/foreign bodies in eyes/smoke inhalation/ingestion	All allotment holders should follow the below advise: -Wear boots or other appropriate footwear. Inspect area prior to work. Exclude public if necessary. Keep tools well-maintained to be safe to use. Discard all faulty equipment. Only use appropriate tools in correct manner in line with operating instructions from manufacturer. Get basic training in tool safety. Where non-standard, e.g. powered, equipment is required, seek appropriate advice. For example, ensure that tools are stored and hung appropriately and that you have an awareness of the function of each tool.	L	Allotment holders will be liable for their own risk assessment to protect themselves and members of the public when using tools on their plots.
Excavations/ground works	Falling/tripping injuries to back, sprains, strains, musculoskeletal injuries, cuts and bruises	Injury to allotment holders, members of the public and employees of contractors	All areas of allotments will be excluded from public access and signs placed at allotment entrance	L	Allotment holders and Contractors will be liable for their own Health & Safety measures
Allotment owners, guests and contractors	Cuts, bruises, minor injuries	Injury to allotment holders, members of the public or volunteers	Wear work gloves, not fabric. Keep hands as clean as possible. Keep up to date with tetanus inoculations. Allotment owners should hold a first aid kit should contain plasters and wipes.	M	Precautions to be taken by allotment holders
Bacterial infections and Plant allergies	Allergies and illness	Injury to allotment holders	Be aware that illness and infection can be caused by poor garden hygiene. Take care not to put hands in mouth or around mouth, nose or eyes while gardening. Wash hands carefully before eating. Cover cuts or grazes with waterproof dressings while working in the allotment. Produce should be washed thoroughly before eating. Be aware you may be allergic to certain plants	L	Allotment holders to take precautions and no livestock to be held on allotments (chickens etc) unless with prior permission. Allotment holders will be liable for their own risk assessment to protect themselves and members of the public with regard to their livestock. Where there are any issues related to associated vermin, infestations, issues etc

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			and if so, avoid contact. Try to wear gloves at all times. Wash hands thoroughly at the end of each session.		around livestock, it will be the plot holder's responsibility to pay for their control and removal. Well-being and care of any livestock is the sole responsibility of the plot holder.
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