

New Waltham Parish Council

Risk Assessment for Priors Green Nature Reserve

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Hazard	Potential Risk	Persons at Risk	Existing Controls	Further Actions Required	Risk Rating
Slippery paths and uneven terrain	Trips, slips, and falls	Visitors, staff, volunteers	Regular path maintenance, signage, appropriate footwear advised	Increase frequency of inspections; install additional warning signs	Medium
Wildlife (e.g. insects, birds)	Bites, stings, allergic reactions	All visitors	Information boards, first aid kits available	Update information boards; train staff in allergy response	Low
Litter and waste	Injury, environmental harm	Visitors, wildlife	Regular litter picks, bins provided	Increase bin numbers; organise community clean-ups	Low
Adverse weather conditions	Exposure, hypothermia, heatstroke	All visitors	Weather warnings, advice on suitable clothing	Enhance shelter provision; improve weather communication	Medium
Unsupervised children	Injury, getting lost	Children	Signage, encourage adult supervision	Introduce safe meeting points; increase patrols during busy periods	Medium

This risk assessment will be reviewed annually or following any incident. All staff and volunteers are encouraged to report hazards and near misses to the Parish Council. The aim is to ensure Priors Green Nature Reserve remains a safe and enjoyable environment for the community.