

Storrington & Sullington Parish Council
– RISK ASSESSMENT –
Memorial Pond, Pulborough Road, Storrington, West Sussex

This document has been produced to enable Storrington & Sullington Parish Council to assess the risks associated with ponds and satisfy itself that it has taken adequate steps to minimise them.

Hazard	Who is at risk	Risk pre-controls HML	Management/control of Risk	Risk post controls HML	Responsibility of whom?	Date/frequency of action.
Drowning	Young children (particularly under fives). Children / adults with additional needs. Visitors.	H	Edges of the pond to be clearly visible. Depth to be kept as shallow as possible. Pond to be regularly maintained to ensure that the perimeter does not become obscured and that the area around the pond does not deteriorate. Where possible, eliminate tripping or slipping hazards. Edges that are open for pond-dipping should be gently sloping, or flat and well-defined. Appropriate warning signs to be posted. Life-saving ring available.	M	Parish Council	
Hygiene / infection of Weils disease / blue-green algae poisoning	Visitors, contractors and employees.	M	Visitors – should use hand gel before touching face, eating or drinking. Ensure cuts or abrasions are covered with a water-proof plaster. Contractors, employees – wear gloves when working near pond, and waders when working in pond. Algal scum should be removed from pond, avoiding skin contact.	L	Visitors and Parish Council	
Disabled Access	Visitors – failing to access the site safely.	M	Ensure paths are well-maintained and clear of obstruction.	L	Parish Council	
Uneven ground /Obstructions	Slips trips and falls	M	Obstructions that cannot be removed and present a hazard, must be clearly identified by use of alternate coloured tape, or barriers. Regularly maintain pond and area to prevent overgrowth of vegetation and build-up of algae.	L	Parish Council	
Dogs – causing a nuisance / fouling	Aggression from dogs. Fouling of the area.	M	Dogs to be kept on short leads at all times, dog bins and bags available.	L	Visitors and Parish Council	
Manual handling	Contractors and employees.	M	Identifying objects which will be heavy to lift.	L	Contractors and Parish Council	

Site Plan. See below

Risk assessment is a systematic general examination of working conditions, workplace activities and environmental factors that will enable the Parish Council to identify any and all potential hazards and their associated risks. The Parish Council, based on a recorded assessment, will take all practical and necessary steps to reduce or eliminate the risks, insofar as is practically possible.



Assessor/s Signature/s

Date: 12th March 2025

Risk Matrix

						15 to 25: High	9 to 15: Medium	1 to 9: Low
Likelihood → Severity ↓	Almost Certain	Probable	Possible	Unlikely	Highly unlikely			
Fatal	25	20	15	10	5			
Major Injury resulting in Disability	20	16	12	8	4			
Injury/Ill health requiring Doctor or Hospital Treatment	15	12	9	6	3			
Minor Injury requiring First Aid Only	10	8	6	4	2			
Minor Injury requiring no First Aid	5	4	3	2	1			



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