

Hazard Specific Risk Assessment

Pitstone Allotment site

Date 30th January 2021

Undertaken by. John Lowe on 29/1/21

Individual plot inspections take place in May, however all paths are walked and obvious hazards on plots are noted and acted upon if necessary

Hazard with potential to cause harm	Risk possible consequences	Measures adopted to avoid or reduce risk to an acceptable level	Notes
Vehicles	collision when accessing and egressing the site	ensure sightlines are adequate One way system installed	relatively few car movements take place on site. To date unacceptable driving has never been an issue, There is ample parking in the car park and around the site.
Overhead power lines	electrocution	maintain hedge height to approximately 6-8ft ensure hedge cutting operator aware of overhead power lines	The trees originally planted directly under the power cable are now cut in line with the hedge.
Water troughs, water butts and ponds	drowning water borne pests and diseases possibly contaminated any washed produce	ponds constructed with shallow sloping sides Under 16s must be accompanied on site The gate is kept closed to inhibit unaccompanied access by under 16s advise plot holders to wash produce again at home if they use the troughs via plot holder update. Install taps on site,	PAA constructed a shallow pond in the wildlife area. Some plot holders have small water features all of which are acceptable Rats have been seen on site, Plot holders to be advised re; composting food waste and piling waste Explore options to put fresh clean water on site to wash vegetables and provide a source of clean water for hen keepers. PAA unable to meet to further this due to COVID 19
Over hanging hedge/trees plants	small cuts and eye injuries	site hedges maintained plot holders with problematic plant growth to be advised. Site manager will cut back anything that is unacceptable	The worst culprit for this is the roses in the hedge as it throws out long prickly shoots. continue gradual removal