

Preston Parish Council- Recreation Ground Risk Assessment

The Street

Adisham

CT3 3JW

Date of assessment: 10th January 2025

Assessors: Jean Swan, Parish Clerk

Hazards Identified

1. Play Equipment

- o Hazard: Faulty or damaged equipment.
- o Risk: Injuries such as cuts, falls, or entrapment.
- o Mitigation:
 - Inspect equipment regularly for damage or wear.
 - Repair or replace damaged equipment immediately.

2. Grass and Ground Conditions

- o Hazard: Uneven ground, potholes, or wet/muddy areas.
- o Risk: Trips, slips, or falls.
- o Mitigation:
 - Conduct regular inspections to identify uneven areas.
 - Fill potholes and level ground as needed.

3. Trees and Vegetation

- o Hazard: Overhanging branches, fallen debris, or overgrown vegetation.
- o Risk: Injury from falling branches or restricted visibility.
- o Mitigation:
 - Arrange regular tree inspections, Cllr Chidgey.
 - Remove fallen branches and trim overgrown vegetation.

4. Public Pathways

- o Hazard: Obstructions, uneven surfaces, or lack of lighting.
- o Risk: Trips, falls, or difficulty navigating in low light.
- o Mitigation:
 - Keep pathways clear of debris and obstructions.
 - Repair uneven surfaces promptly.

5. Litter and Vandalism

- o Hazard: Broken glass, litter, or damaged property.
- o Risk: Cuts, infections, or reduced usability of the space.
- o Mitigation:
 - Provide litter and recycling bins and conduct regular litter picks.
 - Address vandalism promptly and repair damage.

6. Events and Gatherings

- o Hazard: Large crowds, temporary structures, or vehicles on-site.
- o Risk: Injury from unstable structures, or vehicle collisions.
- o Mitigation:
 - Conduct event-specific risk assessments.
 - Define vehicle access routes and parking areas.

7. Dogs and Animals

- o Hazard: Dog fouling, aggressive animals, or wildlife.
- o Risk: Health hazards, bites, or injuries.
- o Mitigation:
 - Provide bins for dog waste and clear signage about fouling laws.
 - Monitor for aggressive animals and take appropriate action.

Inspection and Maintenance Schedule

- Monthly: Comprehensive inspection, including trees, equipment, and surfaces.
- Annually: Professional inspection of trees and play equipment.

Emergency Procedures

- Contact details for reporting hazards: clerk@adisham-pc.gov.uk
- Closest medical facility: Canterbury 24 hour Urgent Treatment Centre, Ethelbert Road, CT1 3NG
- Emergency contact for repairs: clerk@adisham-pc.gov.uk