

Stanwick Recreation Ground, Needham Road: Risk Assessment

Location

The recreation ground is located next to Needham Road. It is bounded by residential roads on two sides, an unadopted road on one side and farm land on the fourth.

Vehicular access onto the site is only possible via the unadopted road: Aris Lane.

Description

The recreation ground is 13865sq m in size. The boundary is predominantly fenced to 1.8m. There is pedestrian access from Mansfield Street, Needham Road and Aris Lane. A DDA compliant path leads from Needham Road to the children's play area.

The car park can accommodate 24 cars.

Facilities

Predominantly laid to grass, covering one football pitch and a training pitch.

A fenced off children's play area. New play equipment installed May 2016.

Three litter bins. Two benches within the play area and one bench outside of the play area and one by the football club.

It includes basket ball court. Stanwick Bowls Club has a section fenced off for their sole use. Stanwick Rovers Football Club has a changing room.

Adult fitness equipment was installed in May 2017 and public liability insurance was amended accordingly.

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Note: Level risk represents both the likelihood of occurrence as well as the severity of injury.

Hazard	Who	Level of risk	Mitigation
Trips and falls typically giving rise to minor cuts and abrasions, twisted ankles etc.	Visitors, contractors	Low	Care to be taken by individuals; should be alert to local surface conditions. Goal post holes to be capped when not in use
Falling trees & branches causing injury	Visitors, contractors	Low	Regular inspections take place. Qualified tree surgeon to inspect trees every 3-5 years or more frequently if required. Most trees within the rec are below 5 m in height.
Scratches from low hanging branches	Visitors, contractors	Low	Branches to be lifted as required.
Personal injury due to collision with vehicles	Visitors, contractors	Low	Vehicle access is limited by the padlocked gate. Key holders limited to the football club, bowls club and contractors. Vehicles restricted to the car park by bollards around perimeter
Personal injury through use of play equipment in children's play area	Visitors	Low	Annual Independent safety inspection commissioned by the Council. Remedial works identified acted upon. Safety notice at site entrances. Parish Council to investigate any reported accident.
Dogs bites	Visitors, contractors	Low	All dogs taken to the rec are the owners' responsibility. All reported incidents to be reported to the Dog warden & PCSO
Dog faeces	Visitors, contractors	Medium	Dog waste bins provided on site
Personal injury through ground work being undertaken	Visitors	Low	Parish Council grounds maintenance contractors have risk assessments in place, inspected by NNC risk assessment officer. Public Liability Insurance and/or risk assessments required from any other contractor working at the rec.
Personal injury through activities of Stanwick Rovers Football Club	Stanwick Rovers Football Club members, visitors	Low	Stanwick Rovers Football Club to hold their own risk assessment and public liability insurance. Parish Council to be informed if any injury occurs that requires RIDDOR processes.

Action required:

Stanwick Rovers Football Club to be reminded of their responsibilities

This report was offered to the Council in January 2024.

Risk Assessment to be reviewed January 2025