

St Stephen by Launceston Parish Council

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ASSESSMENT OF RISK:

Asset: The Village Greens

Locations: Langore and Truscott

Assessment Undertaken: 01/02/2021 Review: Annual

Undertaken By: Mr J B Caudle ratified by St Stephen by Launceston Rural Parish Council

Priority – 1 – high to 5 extremely low

RGMT – Recreation Grounds Management Trustees

PC - Parish Council

CC – Cornwall Council

HAZARDS	2. RISKS	3. POPULATION	4. CONTROLS	5. ACTION	Responsibility	Priority 1 - 5
Slippery mud/grass	Low no known incidents to date	Public/children/visitors/infirm more susceptible to falling/slipping	As far as it is possible	Regularly inspect surfaces and arrange maintenance as required	RGMT PC	3
Control of dog faeces	Low	Public/children	Yes - enclosed bins are emptied	Regular checks to ensure bin is secure and not over full	RGMT	2

			regularly by CC			
Contractors and adjoining land maintenance	Medium	Public/children	Only possible with cooperation	Inform when carrying out work, signage	RGMT PC	2
Illegal Vehicular Access	Medium- no known incidents to date	Public/children susceptible to injury from contact with vehicles	Only allow legal access To change the control would be to change completely the character of the village green and the village itself. Enclosure prohibited by Enclosure Act	Prohibit any illegal vehicular access, ensure all incidents are followed up appropriately	RGMT PC	1
Legal Vehicular traffic	Moderate – playground area has a removable post to prevent illegal vehicular access to the play areas/ elsewhere no barriers	Children and public	Yes - to change the control would be to change completely the character of the village green and the village itself.	Ensure the post controlling access is kept locked at all times except when permitted access is provided	RGMT	2

			Enclosure prohibited by Enclosure Act			
Edge ruts on green beside the highway	Low – ruts created by cars could be a potential trip hazard.	Pedestrians	Monitored by PC and RGMT	Repairs if necessary		1
Trees	Moderate - falling branches/ tripping on roots/contact with overhead power cables	Public/children	Condition of trees and proximity to overhead power cables is checked at least monthly	Trees need to be inspected at least biannually	RGMT PC	3
Parking and vehicular access deterrents	Low – collision or trip	Members of public who are unaware of positioning or those who are partially sighted	Kept locked or when removed placed safe	Regularly monitored and repair/replacement undertaken	RGMT	3
Utilities Underground Electrical and BT cables, and other utilities	Medium People on the Village Green/ maintenance persons	Any activity that involves the penetration of the surface or proximity to overhead cables – activity organisers to conduct prior research & test for any underground utilities that could be of risk to people	Signage, plans of known hazards provided as required	Ensure utilities are part of event risk assessments. Regular inspection	RGMT PC	1
Public Footpath	Medium – trip, slip or injury used by gate/injury	Public/children	Yes – surface is checked and reported to Cornwall	Regularly check surfaces and gate condition	PC CC	2

	by vehicular crossing		Council if unsafe			
Children's Play Area	Medium	Children	Access by vehicles to the hard play area is prevented by a locked post.	Play equipment and surfaces are managed, checked, maintained and inspected in line with ROSPA recommendations. Annual ROSPA inspection	PC RGMT	1
Ponds	Medium – Lyme Disease/ drowning/ highway hazard	Public/children	Natural barriers, highway signage	Regular checks, maintenance, information	PC CC	2
Pond events	Medium Persons involved in or attending the events, public.	PC provides advice re. group safety-water margins. Event organiser to produce and submit to the PC a draft Event Management Safety Plan and appropriate Risk Assessments 8 weeks prior to the event.	PC to review the final Event Management Safety Plan & Risk Assessment 2 weeks prior to the event	Organiser implements agreed actions to reduce and mitigate risks	PC Event Organisers	1
Events held on the Village Green	Medium Persons involved in or attending the events, public.	Event organiser to produce and submit to the PC and/or RGMT a draft Event Management Safety Plan and appropriate Risk Assessment 8 weeks prior to the event. Unless otherwise agreed with PC and for Langore the	RGMT and/or PC to review the final Event Management Safety Plan & Risk Assessment 2 weeks	Organiser implements agreed actions to reduce and mitigate risks	RGMT PC Event Organisers	1

		Recreation Ground Trustees as well.	prior to the event			
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NB

Truscott Village Green - the Parish Council has responsibility for ensuring suitable Risk Assessments are in place

Langore Village Greens - the Parish Council and the Recreation Grounds Management Trustees are jointly responsible for ensuring suitable Risk Assessments are in place

Reviewed 7 August 2025