

## FLITTON AND GREENFIELD PARISH COUNCIL RISK ASSESSMENT (Jan 2019)

The Parish Council is responsible for providing and managing allotment sites in the Parish

Allotment sites and the activity of gardening is relatively risk free if people are aware of the hazards and make steps to ensure that themselves, other people and wildlife are not put at risk

### SUB COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITY

<b>Allotments</b>
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Risk or Potential Hazard	Method or precautions used to Minimise Risk	Risk Level H/M/L	Person Responsibility
Hazardous rubbish	Regular inspections to ensure that plot holders do not leave broken glass and other hazardous materials on the allotment.	M	Plot holders and Councillors/Clerk
Garden tools can be a hazard if they are not stored properly or are left lying around the plot when not in use.	Allotment Agreement to cover storage of tools Regular inspections	M	Plot holders and Councillors/Clerk
Pesticides and fertilisers left in the open	Regular inspections to ensure that no chemicals are kept in the open and are securely locked away from children in clearly marked containers. Ensure plot holders know the rules regarding storage and use of chemicals on their own plots.	M	Plot holders and Councillors/Clerk
Hazards for wildlife on allotments include: litter, low-level fruit netting, use of pesticides, open drains, slug pellets, mowing, strimming, broken glass and pre-stacked bonfires. Certain wildlife e.g. badgers, slowworms, some birds of prey and reptiles have specific legal protection concerning their management.	Ensure Allotment Agreement covers safe use of the plot including rubbish disposal and storage Regular inspections Contact English Nature for advice about protected species.	L	Plot holders and Councillors/Clerk

Vermin - Rats carry diseases including Weil's Disease, which can cause human death via contaminated water.	Plot holders must be vigilant and deal with any signs of infestation, which include burrows, tracks, droppings and observing the vermin, promptly. Regular inspections	L	Plot holders and Councillors/Clerk
Bonfires can create a statutory nuisance caused by smoke or getting out of control	Plot holders must be vigilant Ensure Allotment Agreement covers safe use Regular inspections	L	Plot holders and Councillors/Clerk
Using pegs, stakes or similar items so they do not cause a trip hazard, overhang or obstruct adjacent plots	Ensure Allotment Agreement covers safe use Regular inspections	L	Plot holders and Clerk/Councillors
Use of water from the River Flit by consortium of allotment holders	<b>It should probably be made clear that if they do this, then they do so entirely at their own risk</b>	L	Plot holders and Clerk/Councillors
<b>Update January 2019</b>			
Growth of Notifiable Weeds or Plants and risk of being prosecuted	Plot holders must be vigilant and deal with any signs of growth promptly. Regular inspections	M	Plot holders and Clerk/Councillors