

Parish Fields, Raunds Road Risk Assessment

Location

North side of Raunds Road

Description

Ten acres of public open space. Since the early 1979s the site has been derelict farm land with very little maintenance under taken by the various site owners. Members of the public have freely walked over the site without the consent of the owners. The Parish Council purchased the site in November 2009.

The terrain is uneven and there are no formal path ways. Some path ways have been created by usage. There have been no buildings on the site since the early 1970s. There are some remaining footings from the buildings and there is building rubble in places. During 2012 detailed contamination examinations were undertaken and the East Northamptonshire Council Environmental Health Officer is satisfied that all remediation work undertaken has been done satisfactorily. Stanwick Parish Council has full details of the work completed.

The Parish Council has not been notified of any accidents occurring on the site at any point since April 2000 (the date Stanwick Parish Council was created).

Facilities

Pocket Park, created and maintained by Stanwick Pocket Park Group, covers 7 acres.
Allotments and community garden created in 2015 and has a separate Risk Assessment report.

Hazard	Who	Level of risk	Action
Trips and falls typically giving rise to minor cuts and abrasions, twisted ankles etc.	Visitors, contractors	Medium	Care to be taken by individuals; should be alert to local surface conditions, vegetation, etc
Falling trees & branches injuring	Visitors, contractors	Medium	Majority of trees of the site are less than 5 m in height. There are two large trees on the eastern boundary. Qualified tree surgeon to inspect large trees every 3-5 years or more frequently if required.
Dogs bites	Visitors, contractors	Low	All dogs taken to Parish Fields 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 Raunds Road & Chelveston Road

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

User groups arranging activities on site are required to complete their own risk assessment and to have their own insurances in place. This includes use of the car park.

This report was offered to the Council in January 2024.

Risk Assessment to be reviewed January 2025

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