



RISK ASSESSMENT FOR RIVERSIDE PARK AND POCKET PARK HOVETON

Who is at risk?

Pedestrians using the land and possible loss of items on the land

Introduction

Riverside Park and Pocket Park are the names given to two areas of land in Hoveton Norfolk which are situated in the centre of Hoveton bordered on the South West by the River Bure, on the North East by Station Road Hoveton. The two areas of land are adjacent to each other. Neither piece of land is owned Hoveton Parish Council. Pocket Park was reputedly owned by The Norwich Brewery Company Limited but the current owner is not known. Pocket Park was on the 14th March 1988 dedicated by The Norwich Brewery Company Limited for the care and management and at the expense of the Parish of Hoveton. Riverside Park is thought to be owned by Roys (Wroxham) Limited and is leased for a term of 99 years from 24th May 2000 to the Broads Authority. Riverside Park is maintained by the Broads Authority under the terms of their lease. The Broads Authority maintain that Hoveton Parish Council has by an agreement (a signed copy of which has not been seen) agreed to undertake certain limited obligations to maintain Riverside Park in all other respects it is the responsibility of the Broads Authority to maintain Riverside Park .

- The land is accessible to members of the public at all times as a recreational area/ to view the river.
- The land is not accessible to vehicles.
- There are seating benches on the land together with rubbish bins, a dog bin, lifebelts and trees.
- The area is populated from time to time by birds.
- The footpaths are mainly gravelled situated amongst flower beds and grassed areas.
- Both areas front the River Bure with quay heading and are used for the mooring of boats and the accommodation of anglers. However none of the river frontage is the responsibility of Hoveton Parish Council.



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- Pocket Park is a grassed area with flower beds to the rear. The area to the front of Pocket Park (on the South West and bordering the River Bure) is owned and maintained by the Broads Authority. Hoveton Parish Council employs an independent contractor to maintain certain aspects of the area together with carrying out some of the works themselves with the assistance of volunteer workers.
- Riverside Park is a much larger area of grass, woodland, garden areas and watered areas. The main responsibility for the maintenance of this area is that of the Broads Authority but Hoveton Parish Council have assumed maintenance functions of grass mowing, litter management, shrub bed maintenance, cleaning of signage, maintenance benches, and raking paths and brushing decked areas. Hoveton Parish Council employs an independent contractor to carry out these functions.

Detailed Assessment

Hazard/s	Leading to a risk of	Existing measures to control risk	Risk rating			Action required Yes/No
			Likelihood	Consequences	Risk Rating	
The River	Drowning/illness	The riverside areas are the responsibility of the Broads Authority and not Hoveton Parish Councils.	N/A	N/A	N/A	NO.
The property generally	Slips and Trips	Ground checked by HPC on a regular basis and a written record is made of such inspections.	L	L	L	No
Vandalism	Loss	There are no buildings on the land. The only items being litter bins, dog bin, benches grassed	L	L	L	No



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		areas and planted areas.				
Possibility of members of the public coming into contact with birds and being injured or contracting diseases from birds whilst feeding them.	Injury to members of the public or diseases being contracted by members of the public.	This generally would not appear to be a problem and the number of visiting birds appears to be low. Further this risk would appear to be the responsibility of the Broads Authority who are the riparian owners.	N/A	N/A	N/A	NO
Independent Contractor	Possible injury to the independent Contractor or members of the public whilst that person carries out works.	Independent Contractor to produce risk assessment an annual basis for the work he carries out. The assessment to cover inter alia: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of machinery, lawnmowers, strimmers etc. • Work near water • Use of chemicals, herbicides, fuels etc. • Hazardous wastes e.g. glass 	L	L	L	No

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The above risk assessment is prepared upon the assumption that the works recommended by the Saffron Housing Trust Report has been implemented in full