

## Hazard Specific Risk Assessment Pitstone Allotment site

**Date** 19.3.22

Undertaken by. John Lowe on 27.2.22

Individual plot inspections take place in May, however all paths are walked and obvious hazards on plots are noted and acted upon if necessary

<b>Hazard with potential to cause harm</b>	<b>Risk possible consequences</b>	<b>Measures adopted to avoid or reduce risk to an acceptable level</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Vehicles	collision when accessing and egressing the site	ensure sightlines are adequate  One way system installed	relatively few car movements take place on site. To date unacceptable driving has never been an issue,  There is ample parking in the car park and around the site.
Overhead power lines	electrocution	maintain hedge height to approximately 6-8ft  ensure hedge cutting operator aware of overhead power lines	The trees originally planted directly under the power cable are now cut in line with the hedge.
Water troughs, water butts and ponds	drowning  water borne pests and diseases possibly contaminated any washed produce	ponds constructed with shallow sloping sides Under 16s must be accompanied on site The gate is kept closed to inhibit unaccompanied access by under 16s  advise plot holders to wash produce again at home if they use the troughs via plot holder update.  Install taps on site,	PAA constructed a shallow pond in the wildlife area. Some plot holders have small water features all of which are acceptable  Rats have been seen on site, Plot holders to be advised re; composting food waste and piling waste Not Drinking Water signs fixed to each tank  Explore options to put fresh clean water on site to wash vegetables and provide a source of clean water for hen keepers. Work in progress by B Brooks D Hutchinson and J Lowe
Over hanging hedge/trees plants	small cuts and eye injuries	site hedges maintained plot holders with problematic plant growth to be advised. Site manager will cut back anything that is unacceptable	The worst culprit for this is the roses in the hedge as it throws out long prickly shoots. continue gradual removal

