



APPENDIX 4 - Risk Assessment Form Ponds and Watercourses

Date	14 th March 2024
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Location	Broadbridge Heath Parish Council – Ponds and Watercourses (Locations noted below)
Assessment number	APPENDIX 4 TO PARISH COUNCIL'S ADOPTED RISK MANAGEMENT SCHEME
Circumstance, activity, task, system or area being assessed	Ponds and areas of water
Review date	May 2025

Severity		Likelihood		Risk (Severity x Likelihood)	
1	Negligible outcome - Minor injuries, self-treated, slight transient / reversible effects.	1	Very Unlikely - Extremely unlikely to occur	1 - 4	Low risk
2	Minor outcome - Minor Injuries requiring First Aider treatment with no days lost other than the incident	2	Unlikely Occurrence - can happen, but unlikely	5 - 9	Medium risk
3	Moderate outcome - Moderate Injuries requiring hospital treatment (i.e. taken from the scene of the accident to hospital), or work absences of one or more days due to injury or occupational ill health + RIDDOR	3	Possible - Would not be surprised if happened	10 – 25	High risk
4	Major outcome - Major injuries of one or more persons, including permanent disablement (e.g. amputation, loss of sight, serious burns, requires resuscitation and/or hospitalised for > 24 hours).	4	Likely - This event is more likely to occur than not		
5	Extreme outcome - Fatality (death of one or more persons), reportable diseases (e.g. asbestosis), explosion (gas)/serious fire.	5	Very Likely - This will happen. Probably more than once		

No.	Hazard Activity / plant / materials, etc that could cause harm	Risk What the harm might be	No. & type of people in danger e.g. staff, visitor, young person, disabled etc	Current control measures The measures actually in place, not supposedly in place	Risk with current control measures			Further Control Measures What further control measures are needed if risk level is too high?	Action Who will act & when?	Risk if further controls implemented		
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1.	Pond	Possible drowning	Children and Vulnerable adults	Deep Water Warning signage is installed. A throw line is installed next to the Ducky Pond. This is checked weekly. Safety fencing along road side.	2	1	2	Consider winter signage warning of thin ice. Consider planting of wetland Shrubs to the banks to act as a natural obstacle and discourage persons getting too close to the water edge.				
2.	Dipping Platform	Trips, falls.	Children and Vulnerable adults	Weekly visual inspections. Any issues reported. If hazards are noted, signage will be added, and the area cordoned off.	2	1	2					

This Generic Risk Assessment covers the following Ponds and Watercourses managed by Broadbridge Heath Parish Council.

**The Ducky Pond
Ditch behind Weston Avenue Allotments
(Future Attenuation basins to consider)**