WERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

3. Werrington Parish Council Pump Track Meigh Road Play Equipment Risk Assessment

Hazard and risk	People at Risk	Werrington Parish Council Controls	Additional
Access/Egress Various Incidents	Users, Staff and Public	• Area designed with road and traffic considerations in mind. • Area sited away from trees. • Barrier installed to prevent straight access to roads. • All paths inspected and adequately maintained and recorded.	
Falls/Collisions Various injuries	Users, Staff and Public	• Track inspected monthly and defects recorded. • Signs encourage users to wear protective gear. • Signs to indicate public to staff off when track is in use •	
Noise Nuisance	Users, Staff and Public	• Neighbours consulted on the areas • Signs installed requesting noise to be kept at a minimum	
Violent/Aggressive behavior	Users, Staff and Public	• Informal observation and monitoring by council staff/contractors. • CCTV	
Vandalism	Users, Staff and Public	• Track regularly inspected for signs of damage and recorded. • Contact numbers provided for reporting vandalism/damage.	

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Maintenance	Users, Staffs and Public	• Track designed and installed by competent provider/supplier. • Annual ROSPA inspection • Monthly inspections carried out and recorded.	
Anti social behavior/misuse outside of intended purpose -Injury, property, damage	Users and public	• Clear rules; appropriate boundary/security measures; reporting arrangements; periodic inspection; prohibit activities not designed for the facility	
Poorly maintained signage -Increased likelihood of unsafe use	Users and Public	• Signage included within routine inspections; damaged/illegible signs replaced promptly	
Serious accident not promptly reported -Repeated hazards delays corrective action	Users, Public and Organisations	• Clear method for reporting defects/incidents; incident records maintained; significant incidents investigated; trends reviewed during risk assessment review	
Inadequate emergency response because facility is unsupervised -Delayed treatment following injury	Users and Public	• Clearly displayed location/address/postcode or site reference; emergency access route maintained; emergency services access considered; users advised to call emergency services where required; incident reporting arrangements	
Conflict with cyclists/pedestrians using surrounding paths -Collisions and falls	Users, public, staff and contractors	• Clearly defined entrances/exits; appropriate sightlines; signs and markings; barriers/layout designed to slow users at crossing points; review interface with surrounding paths •	

Access by maintenance/vehicles -Collision/crushing injury	Users, public, staff and contractors	• Controlled maintenance access; vehicles prohibited from normal use areas; maintenance carried out when users are absent where practicable; barriers/signage used during maintenance	
Extreme weather – ice, snow, excessive heat, storms -heat and cold related illness, lightning strike	Users	• Weather-related inspection; temporary closure where conditions make the track unsafe; signage advising users to leave during thunderstorms; consideration of surface temperature and heat-related risks	
Poor visibility / use in darkness -Collison's, falls inability to identify hazards	Users	• Adequate lighting where the facility is intended for use after dark; otherwise clearly state operating/use times and discourage use in inadequate visibility; lighting and electrical equipment maintained where provided	
Clothing, straps, loose objects or bags interfering with riding -Falls, entanglement and loss of control	Users	• User signage advising against loose clothing/items and encouraging secure storage of belongings	
Unsafe or inappropriate riding equipment -Equipment failure, falls and collisions	Users	• Signage requiring users to use equipment suitable for the facility and in good working order; prohibit motorised or inappropriate equipment where applicable	
Dogs entering or crossing track	Users, Public and animals	• Appropriate signage; boundary controls where required; users/public advised to keep animals away from riding surface	

Pedestrians entering the riding area	Users and members of public	• Clearly defined riding area; signs stating that pedestrians should not enter the track while it is in use; access arrangements designed to minimise conflict	
Debris, litter, stones, glass or foreign objects on track -Loss of control	Users	• Routine litter/debris inspections and cleaning; bins provided where appropriate; users encouraged to report hazards; prompt removal of hazardous debris	
Surface deterioration, cracks, potholes or loose material	Users	• Planned inspection and maintenance regime; prompt repair of defects; defective areas isolated/closed until repaired; inspection records maintained	
Standing water / inadequate drainage	Users	• Adequate drainage; regular inspection after heavy rainfall; clear drainage channels; remedial maintenance where ponding occurs; temporary closure if required	
Head injury following a fall or collision -Concussion/serious head injury	Users	• Strong recommendation/requirement through signage to wear a properly fitted helmet; track surface and features maintained to minimise unnecessary hazards; appropriate user information	
Inexperienced users attempting features beyond their ability -Falls/serious injury	Users	• Prominent signage stating that users must use the track only within their ability; warning against attempting jumps/features beyond competence; age/ability guidance where appropriate; parents/carers advised to supervise children	
Collision between users -Collison injuries, head injuries, fractures	Users	• Clear rules of use; signage advising users to maintain safe speed and distance; track layout designed to minimise conflicting	

		movements; users advised to give way where appropriate; no pedestrians permitted on riding surface	
Falls from bikes, scooters, skateboards or other wheeled equipment -Cuts, bruising, head injuries, fractures, serious injuries	Users	• Track designed and maintained for intended use; appropriate transitions and riding surfaces; clear safety signage; users advised to wear helmets and suitable protective equipment; users responsible for selecting equipment appropriate to their ability; regular inspection for defects	
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