



RISK ASSESSMENT: Playing Field and Surrounding Areas and Play Equipment

Persons or groups at risk: Users of playing field and equipment

Approx. number of persons at risk: N/A

Persons especially at risk: Children

DATE: March 2025

NEXT ASSESSMENT DATE (BEFORE): March 2026

AREA/ ACTIVITY	HAZARDS	POTENTIAL HARM	LIKELIHOOD	SEVERITY	RISK FACTOR	EXISTING PRECAUTIONS (if any)	MITIGATION
Accessing the equipment	Slip hazard if safety matting damage and mud	Personal injury	LOW	LOW	LOW	Weekly visual inspection of ground and safety matting. Monthly inspection by approved qualified person (MCC).	Children and parents to supervise
Fall from equipment as a result of damaged equipment	Fall from zip wire/cableway	Personal injury	MED	LOW	LOW	Regulation safety mats in place. Equipment installed by authorised installers to the correct height. Weekly visual inspection of equipment. Monthly inspection by approved qualified person (MCC).	Children and parents to supervise

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Using the play climbing frame	Potential fall from the frame	Personal injury	LOW	MED	LOW		Children and parents to supervise
Using the nest swing	Potential fall from the swing	Personal injury	LOW	MED	LOW		Children and parents to supervise
Users of playing fields	Hit by equipment in use	Personal injury	MED	LOW	LOW	Nearby footpath should be used.	Users of the Playing fields and surrounding areas do so at their own risk and be aware of their surroundings.
Sports Field Condition	Injury caused by defect	Personal Injury	Low	Low	Low	Sports pitch cut by MCC. Users should be aware that they use at their own risk and should wear appropriate footwear. The Council cannot ensure the land is perfectly flat or undamaged by previous users and so people may slip in wet weather / trip on undulating ground etc. Pitch to be visually checked regularly and remedial action taken when required.	Users of the Playing fields and surrounding areas do so at their own risk and be aware of their surroundings.

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Car park	Slips, Trips, Falls, traffic accident	Personal Injury/ Traffic Incidents	Low	Med	Low	Access to the pay and display car park is not time-limited, and not limited to users of the recreation ground facilities. The surface may require remedial action from time-to-time to fill / prevent pot holes forming and damaging user's vehicles. CCTV covers most of carpark area.	Users of the Car Park and surrounding areas do so at their own risk and be aware of their surroundings
Snow/ Ice/ Wet Leaves	Slipping and Falling	Personal Injury	Low	Med	Low	The Council does not have resources / manpower to grit / brush the area on a daily basis – it is a public area and so will not be closed off to walkers / public access, but pedestrians / users access at their own risk.	Pedestrians / users access at their own risk.
Injury from Sports Teams	Ball injuries to members of the public	Personal Injury	Low	Med	Med	All sports clubs/coaches/instructors to submit risk assessments for approval from the Council and provide copy of their liability insurance to the Council	All clubs must have provided the appropriate paperwork and received approval from RCC before using

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							the facilities.
Hazardous/ Substance/ Tipping	Pesticides, Weed killer, Fly tipping, e.g. Asbestos dumping	Personal Injury	Low	Low	Low	No pesticides or weed killers to be used on the playing fields site. Regular inspections; immediate reporting of fly tipping; clubs storage units to be inspected regularly by clubs and Council No clubs to move items onto area without obtaining written permission from the Council.	Users of the Playing fields and surrounding areas do so at their own risk and be aware of their surroundings
Littering /Vandalism	Injury/Illness	Personal Injury	Low	Med	Med	Area to be checked regularly (including dugouts) for glass bottles / cans / drugs paraphernalia	Users of the Playing fields and surrounding areas do so at their own risk and be aware of their surroundings
Illegal entry / traveller incursion	Damage and eviction issues	Personal Injury	Low	Med	Low	Police to be informed immediately by members of the public / Cllrs / Staff – all users including staff not to enter area if illegal entry is evident.	Users of the Playing fields and surrounding areas do so at their own risk and be aware of their surroundings

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Dog excrement	Slip and fall / serious illness	Personal Injury	Med	Med	High	Notices to be displayed reminding dog owners to pick up after dogs; ensure bins are emptied regularly, and collection scheduled reviewed if necessary; sports pitch users asked to inspect playing areas prior to use. Sports pitch and playparks area is a No Dog area (PSPO MCC) signs advising.	Users of the Playing fields and surrounding areas do so at their own risk and be aware of their surroundings
Child Welfare	Child Welfare	Personal Injury	Low	Low	Low	Sports Clubs are advised to ensure coaches / volunteers are enhanced CRB checks. All young people attending / participating in sports clubs should know their Child welfare officers. Parental responsibility for checking provisions. Any reports of strange/concerning behaviour to be reported to	Users of the Playing fields and surrounding areas do so at their own risk and be aware of their surroundings

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						Police immediately.	
Emergency Contact	Who to contact at the Council in the case of an emergency		Low	Low	Low	Clerk's contact details are displayed on the community noticeboard at the top of the playing fields. Email address is also displayed. Councillor contact details available at www.rogietcommunitycouncil.co.uk	
First Aid Provision	Injury/Accident	Personal Injury	Low	Low	Low	A defibrillator is available outside the church hall. This is in a code locked cabinet, the code for which can be obtained by dialling '999'. The Defibrillator is registered and checked regularly. The pavilion houses a First Aid Kit but this is only available when access to the pavilion is available which is	Users of the Playing fields and surrounding areas do so at their own risk and be aware of their surroundings

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						only accessible for hirers / users.	
Storage / training	Injury	Personal Injury	Low	Low	Low	The sports clubs are asked not to store equipment for their activities on the playing field due to it being a multi user facility. Equipment can be a hazard and generally makes the place feel untidy and unwelcoming. Sports clubs must hold their own insurance to cover personal injury during their activities.	Users of the Playing fields and surrounding areas do so at their own risk and be aware of their surroundings
Benches	Injury	Personal Injury	Low	Low	Low	Benches visually inspected regularly, any damage needs reporting to clerk and then either repaired/removed or replaced.	Users of the Playing fields and surrounding areas do so at their own risk and be aware of their surroundings
Football Dug Outs	Injury to public (Particularly children)	Personal Injury	Low	Low	Low	Dugouts are fully functionally and in good repair. CCTV covers the area for vandalism	Users of the Playing fields and surrounding areas do so at their own risk and be aware of their surroundings
Community/ Wildlife	Insect bites/ stings, trips	Personal Injury	Low	Low	Low	Area maintained by Rogiet Wildlife Friendly Village and	Users of the Playing fields and surrounding

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Garden						checked regularly by RCC.	areas do so at their own risk and be aware of their surroundings
Lower Field	Insect bites/ stings, bramble/ nettle scratches, trips	Personal Injury	Low	Low	Low	Grass cutting regime in place with MCC to allow growth of long grass as part of biodiversity obligations. Members of public should take care if they choose to walk through the long grass. Paths cut regularly by MCC.	Users of the Playing fields and surrounding areas do so at their own risk and be aware of their surroundings
Noise pollution / antisocial behaviour	Complaints of noise	Personal Injury	Low	Low	Low	Users are expected to be aware of their responsibilities for their activities in accordance with the terms and conditions of use. Users who breach the terms and conditions of use may be refused use of premises for anything other than activities specifically related to anything other than a sporting fixture. A licence could be revoked or the law enforcement authorities called in. Users should be	Users of the Playing fields and surrounding areas do so at their own risk and be aware of their surroundings

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						reminded that the playing field is there for sporting activities and general public use e.g. exercising and enjoyment. Alcohol should not be consumed on the playing fields. Any commercial activities on the site should only be allowed with the written permission of the Council.	
Volunteer activities	Injury to volunteers/ public	Personal Injury	Low	Low	Low	Volunteers working on council land will be insured either through the council, or through their own group insurance. Volunteer groups will have their own risk assessments in place for their activities, which should be provided to the Council ahead of the event.	Users of the Playing fields and surrounding areas do so at their own risk and be aware of their surroundings
Monitor and re-assess	New risks	New Risk	Low	Low	Low	All parties involved in the preparation and	

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risks						implementation of this risk assessment will be made aware of their responsibilities. This will be done on an annual basis and whenever an incident provides evidence that a reappraisal is necessary.	