

RISK ASSESSMENT

Location:		Sourton Village Green and Closed Churchyard		Signed:			A Horn							
				Date:			2/2/2026							
Activity/ Process		Hazard Identified		Existing Controls		Who Might Be Harmed and How		Level of Risk			Further Action Required		Completed	
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Mowing and strimming		Hitting other vehicles		Wear PPE/gloves ear defenders goggles		Contractor		1	4	4				
		Injury to operator/crushing to operator		Long hair tied back Scarves/ dangling clothing removed		Public								
		Operator not trained/experienced in machine and checks.		COSHH assessment Do not work on an incline steeper than 15 degrees. Wash with soap and water after work.										
		Machine catching fire/risk of burns to occupant.		Follow safety stickers on machine.										
		Part coming loose or tyre deflating.		Regularly check around and behind you for people and traffic in case of overtakes and junctions.										
Refuelling fire		Checks are carried out on the machine daily before use to check the engine Refuelling is done on a tarmac surface away from naked flames and only when machine is cold.												

	Members of the public Members of the public hit by flying debris coming out of the cutting decks	Mowing stops when dogs are seen running around until owner has it under control. Safe working distances must be adhered to when mower or strimmer is moving. Areas where people are gathered are left to be cut until they leave the area. Safe distances of at least 20m buffer zone are to be kept from people and any cutting being done. If people or dogs become too close the machine is stopped and the cutters turned off. Before cutting commences the area is cleared of any sticks or stones.	Contractor Public	1	2	2		
	Back problems due to posture Going over rough terrain too fast Cuts and Bruises. Wear correct footwear. Losing grip on ground. Slips trips and falls out of the tractor/trailer. Dirt in eye. Fatigue from constant driving	Ensure correct posture and work position. Adhere to break times. Use safe lifting and handling when fitting attachments. Wear correct footwear. Use PPE and gloves. Any mess is cleared up as it is created to prevent any public tripping over it once the area is opened up again. Eye wash carried First Aid kit is always carried.	Contractor Public	1	2	2		
	Lone working	Contractor is responsible for making sure they have a mobile phone and know their location including postcode.	Contractor				Parish Council to provide card with address and what 3 words location on for contractor to keep with them	
Gravestones	Injury from falling memorial stones could result in major injury or death	Memorials to be inspected informally for any visible instability issues as soon as possible	Contractor Public					

Potholes	Slips, trips and falls Injury, possible broken bones	Grass areas inspected when cut and any issues recorded. Holes and uneven ground to be rectified	Contractor Public					
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RISK / PRIORITY INDICATOR KEY

Risk assessment intended to cover all risks associated with the job in one reference source including CoSHH, handling, etc.

Severity	Scale	Likelihood
Cuts or bruises, minor temporary irritations	1	Very remote. Has never happened.
Deep cuts, minor burns, eye skin or lung irritation, small electric shock, temporary problems from repetitive tasks, small scalds. Short term infection risks which will not lead to lost time. Broken finger / toe. <u>One or two day</u> bad back pain. Multiple people experiencing multiple level 1 cases.	2	Unlikely. Happened once.
Broken limb, potential short-term eye or lung damage or minor repetitive problems, sensitisation, short term back pain (> 2 days), large electric shock, infection risks which whilst not life threatening may lead to lost time. Chemical burns to skin with lasting effects for up to <u>one month</u> , multiple level 2 cases.	3	Possible. Happened once, a few <u>near-misses</u> .
Total/Partial disablement, loss of fingers, serious head, long term eye injury, long term lung damage, long term / chronic health effects inc. back problems, hearing damage, potentially serious long term health risks from infection, coma, chemical burn with permanent scarring, multiple level 3 cases.	4	Likely. Injury has resulted a few times.
Death, major fire, explosion, multiple level 4 and 5 cases.	5	Almost certain. Injury happens regularly.

Items requiring action to be planned using a balance of available resources versus overall risk level:

- Items rated 1 to 5. Very low risk. Consider remedial action only where excessive costs are not incurred.
- Items rated 6 to 15. Low to medium risk. Plan remedial action over the medium term, balancing costs and risk.
- Items rated 16 to 20. High risks. Treat as a priority for action to reduce to eliminate the risk.
- Items rated 21 to 25. Extremely high risk of imminent serious injury. Recommend prohibiting the work until remedial action undertaken.