

RISK ASSESSMENT

Location: St Thomas a Beckett		St Thomas a Beckett Closed Graveyard MEMORIAL INSPECTION		Signed:			A Horn							
				Date:			26/5/26							
Activity/ Process		Hazard Identified		Existing Controls		Who Might Be Harmed and How		Review Date:			Further Action Required		Completed	
								Level of Risk						
								A	B	C				
Paths, open grass		Slips/trips		Regular inspections for safety defects Temporary warning signs erected, as necessary. Mossy areas treated and scrapped. Weeds sprayed off. Grass cuttings swept from walkways		Injury to members of the public, 3 rd party contractors, employees, trespassers		2	2	4				
Fencing/hedging		Injury due to poor maintenance		Inspected regularly. Defects repaired according to the risk posed		Injury to members of the public, 3 rd party contractors, employees, trespassers		2	2	4				
Gates		Injury due to poor maintenance		Closers inspected regularly. Defects repaired according to the risk posed		Injury to members of the public, 3 rd party contractors, employees, trespassers		2	3	6				
Unstable Memorials		Injury or death due to poor maintenance		Formal strategy/ policy for memorial maintenance in place Programme of inspecting a recording. If a monument is found to be priority 1 it will be staked and bound with a notice attached to make it secure. Monuments found to be priority 2 will be monitored on a yearly basis. Inspections and intended action if memorials found unsafe advertised in advance.		Injury to members of the public, 3 rd party contractors, employees, trespassers		3	3	9	Programme of inspections and recording			

		Risk assessment in place for employees carrying out memorial inspections. New memorials installed to BS8415 standard by accredited masons						
Grave curbs	Injury due to poor maintenance	Routinely checked that they do not pose a trip hazard	Injury to members of the public, 3 rd party contractors, employees, trespassers	2	2	4		
Seating	Injury due to poor maintenance	Inspected regularly and condition recorded. Defects repaired according to the risk posed. Maintenance carried out on a rolling schedule	Injury to members of the public, 3 rd party contractors, employees, trespassers	2	2	4		
Vehicles in the cemetery	Collisions with other vehicles and or pedestrians	Vehicular access restricted Grave Digger and Undertakers responsible for their own vehicle maintenance	Injury to members of the public, 3 rd party contractors, employees, trespassers	2	2	4		
Grounds maintenance	Lone working Physical injury Exposure to hazardous chemicals	Contractor responsible for risk assessment and lone working of their staff	Injury to members of the public, 3 rd party contractors, employees, trespassers	2	2	4		
Newly Dug Grave	Risk of collapse Visitors falling in grave	Undertakers and grave digger liable to their own risk assessment to protect their employees and the public	Injury to members of the public, 3 rd party contractors, employees, trespassers	2	2	4		

RISK / PRIORITY INDICATOR KEY

SEVERITY (CONSEQUENCE)
1. Negligible (delay only)
2. Slight (minor injury / damage / interruption)
3. Moderate (Lost time injury, illness, damage, lost business)
4. High (Major injury / damage, Lost time business interruption, disablement)
5. Very High (Fatality / Business closure)

LIKELIHOOD
1. Improbable / very unlikely
2. Unlikely
3. Even chance / may happen
4. Likely
5. Almost certain / imminent

RISK / PRIORITY INDICATOR MATRIX						
LIKELIHOOD (A)	5	5	10	15	20	25
	4	4	8	12	16	20
	3	3	6	9	12	15
	2	2	4	6	8	10
	1	1	2	3	4	5
		1	2	3	4	5
		SEVERITY (CONSEQUENCE) (B)				

SUMMARY		SUGGESTED TIMEFRAME
12-25	High	As soon as possible
6-11	Medium	Within next 3-6 months
1-5	Low	Whenever viable to do so