

Compton Martin Parish Council

Pond Risk Assessment

Hazard / Risk:	Control Measures:	Risk Rating: (H/M/L)
Environmental Factors: Proximity to populated areas: schools; inns; retail/tourism; picnic area; play area; car park; roads; especially attractive features	• Centre of village location close to residential properties • Seating located on the side of the pond • Traffic highway passes next to the pond with medium density vehicular traffic highway separation • Pedestrian footway next to the pond with railings separation	Low
Behavioural Factors: Category and volume of expected users: swimmers; anglers; walkers; drivers; specialist water users; general public; unaccompanied children	• The area is used by occasional visitors and to feed the water fowl • In recent times there has been occasional angling but no swimming • Local people regularly enjoy the amenity of the village pond	Low
Ease of Access to Water Edge: Open unrestricted access; type and nature of paths; natural obstacles; vegetation; existing barriers/fencing	• There is an open unrestricted access to the pond edge on one side • There is railings at the front edge of the pond • Flag irises and reed provide edge to water delineation in various places • Natural high end obstacle on one side, not accessible from the lane • Edge in a residents garden on the fourth side	Low
Type of Edge Condition of edge: stable; unstable; nature of ground at edge; height above water; gradient of bank; features allowing or encouraging access to water	• The pond edges are generally well defined • The approach to the waters edge is flat and well tended • The ground is stable • No discouraging features to restrict access to water	Low
The Water Temperature; underwater gradient up to about 3.75 m from edge; max depth of water; currents; clarity; underwater obstacles or traps; tide; features, e.g. weir, lock; blue green algae	• Water temperature is typical of a small sized pond area • Edges are generally shallow with a medium gradient. • Underwater traps or obstacles are unknown but thought not to be overly present • There are no currents and the clarity of water is generally very good • There is some evidence of algae and duckweed that is more prolific in the summer months. Expert advice has been sought by Compton Martin Parish Council on the optimum method of controlling this • A natural clay soil base retains the water	Low
Existing Rescue Equipment, Signs etc	• There is no rescue equipment • No warning signs are displayed	Low
Known Accident History	• No known or corroborated incidents	Low
Risk Level (see matrix)	• Medium Probability of accident – Unlikely but foreseeable Severity of outcome – Tolerable Risk	Low