

Guidance to users and risk assessment of Ducklington village pond and green surrounds

Area A small and shallow pond with grass and vegetation surround. The pond varies in depth between approximately 0 and 30cm, the banks are shallow and grassed at the front, steeper and planted with vegetation to the rear. Wild ducks frequent the pond and area. The pond area is clearly visible from the main roads and nearby houses.

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Hazards identified and their risk

- (1) [low] Drowning by falling into pond
- (2) [low] Harm from tripping on uneven ground
- (3) [low] Disease or illness from water or wildlife
- (4) [low] Biting or pecking harm from ducks
- (5) [low] Insect bites
- (6) [low] Impact with vehicle from adjacent road

Mitigations in place by the council

- (1) Pond is managed to ensure rescue by wading is always possible
- (1) The level of silt is monitored and managed accordingly
- (2) Grass is managed to improve visibility

Mitigations not yet in place by the council

none

Guidance to users

- (1) Children should be supervised when near the pond to minimise the risk of drowning
- (1) Users should not wade into or enter the pond
- (3) Hands should be washed after coming into contact with the water
- (4) Users should not attempt to touch the ducks especially when ducklings are present
- (6) Although the adjacent road is quiet and slow, users should supervise children when entering or leaving the pond area