

Wiggenhall St Mary Magdalen Parish Council
Cemetery Risk Assessment
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| Activity | Potential hazards | What risks do they pose | Control measures | Risk level High (H), Medium (M), Low (L) | Are additional measures necessary? |
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| Driving – lawn mowers, hearses or mechanised digging equipment | Traffic accidents | Injury to operatives/consistent with this type of incident or members of the public | Only authorised vehicles allowed in the cemetery (i.e. Contractors or Funeral Directors) | L | Contractors or Funeral Directors will be liable for their own risk assessment to protect their employees and members of the public |
| Operating equipment (inc. grass and hedge cutting) | Fire/operating accidents | Injury to operatives/burns/cuts/foreign bodies in eyes/smoke inhalation/ingestion | The Parish Council ensures they employ reliable and competent Contractors | L | Contractors or Funeral Directors will be liable for their own risk assessment to protect their employees |
| Operating equipment | Fire/operating accidents | Injury to members of public/burns/cuts/foreign bodies in eyes/smoke inhalation/ingestion | The Parish Council ensures the use of experienced Funeral Directors | L | Contractors or Funeral Directors will be liable for their own risk assessment to protect their employees and members of the public |
| Excavations/ground works | Falling/tripping injuries to back, sprains, strains, musculoskeletal injuries, cuts and bruises | Injury to members of the public and employees of Funeral Directors | The Parish Council ensures the use of experienced Funeral Directors | L | Funeral Directors will be liable for their own Health & Safety measures |

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| Grave digging | Infectious disease control | Infection of employees of Funeral Directors | The Parish Council ensures they employ reliable and competent Contractors | L | Funeral Directors will be liable for their own Health & Safety measures |
| Funeral | Greeting funeral party | Injury to members of funeral party – back injuries, sprains, strains, musculoskeletal injuries | The Parish Council ensures they employ reliable and competent Contractors | L | Funeral Directors will be liable for their own Health & Safety measures |
| Memorial Inspection | Cuts, bruises, crush injuries | Injury to members of the public, contractors or funeral directors employees | Once every 5 years memorials are hand checked to ensure stability. Memorials that are unstable will be laid down and the family notified in order that they can arrange refixing. | M | Parish Council will ensure their freelance handy man has the correct training |

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| Grave and row markers | Tripping causing bruises, sprains, musculoskeletal injuries | Injury to members of the public, contractors or funeral directors employees | Grass cut on a regular basis to ensure that all kerbs are visible | M | Regular inspection by Parish Handyman |
| Weedkilling | Chemical burns/breathing problems | Injury to contractors and members of the public | The Parish Council ensures they employ reliable and competent Contractors | L | Contractors will be liable for their own COSHH assessment |

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