

Market Weston Parish Council Risk Assessment

Location: Market Weston Village Green **Task:** Routine hedge cutting

Assessor: _____ **Date of Assessment:** _____

2. Summary of Key Hazards & Controls

Hazard	Risk	Control Measures
Powered hedge trimmers	Cuts, flying debris	Competent operators; PPE (gloves, eye protection, boots); maintained tools; restrict public access; RCD for electric tools
Manual handling	Strains, back injury	Correct lifting; avoid overreaching; brief volunteers
Public proximity	Injury to public	Warning signs; cones/barriers; avoid busy times; banksman/temporary closure if needed
Slips/trips	Falls	Suitable footwear; tidy work area; pre-work inspection
Noise	Hearing damage	Maintain equipment; limit exposure; ear protection if required
Weather	Heat/cold stress; wind hazards	Appropriate clothing; check forecast; stop in high winds
Wildlife	Stings; disturbance of nests	Pre-work inspection; avoid nesting season unless essential
Fuel/electrical hazards	Fire; electric shock	PAT-tested tools; safe fuel storage; RCD protection
Disposal of cuttings	Trip hazards	Prompt removal; do not block access routes

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3. PPE Requirements

- Gloves
- Eye protection
- Sturdy boots
- Long sleeves/trousers
- Hi-vis if near road
- Ear protection (if required)

4. Public Safety Measures

- Clear signage and cones/barriers
- Controlled work zone
- Avoid peak public use
- Prevent access by children/dogs

5. Emergency Procedures

- First aid kit on site
- Mobile phone available
- Stop work if unsafe
- Report incidents to Parish Clerk

Overall Risk Rating: Low–Medium, with controls in place.