**Risk Assessment for Rendham Green**

Rendham Green is a registered village green and is situated adjacent to fields on one side and the Peasenhall road on the other side. The area is mainly trees, and brambles and small clumps of under growth. There is a largely dry pond area in the centre. On the field side there is a fairly large ditch which is not part of Rendham Green. Opposite Rendham Court there is access to the fields. The aim of this Assessment is to highlight any risk within the woodland to users and passersby, including passing cars. For this purpose the top end of the Green is near Rendham Court and the bottom is near the footpath across Rookery Farm

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|  Hazard | Risk | Risk level | Actions |
| Uneven ground, including mud, wet leaves and holes in the ground | Slips and falls | Low | Remedial action as necessary |
| Over-hanging or falling branches or trees | Injury to eyes and face from whips or crushing injuries from larger branches/treesDead falling trees, sharp dead branches | High Urgent – needs addressing now | Regular review of the state of the trees and action where necessary, including pruning or removal of the tree/branches. |
| Fallen trees and piles of branches/twigs at the bottom end  | Injury (also does not allow users to walk into the Green) | High needs clearing now | Clear the rubbish and allow access |
| Dumping of rubbish | Due to the state of the Green rubbish such as old Christmas Trees have been dumped. Trips and falls and blocking of access | Medium | Clearing of over grown areas will put people off dumping especially if the wood is used by walkers more oftenMonitor and remove where nesessary |
| Brambles and nettles etc. | Cuts, thorns, allergic reactions and poisoning | Medium  | Pruning of brambles |
| Blackthorn and thorny trees and bushes | Serious infections | Medium  | Serious problem at the bottom end to be cleared especially if leaning towards the road |
| Dogs | People may be scared if not on leads | Low | Monitor accordingly |
| Steep sided areas – pond area | Falling, bruising, broken/twisted limbs | Low | Monitor |
| Climbing trees, rotten branches | Injuries from whips or crushing injuries from falling trees to walkers and passing cars | High – needs addressing now | Pruning or removal of dead trees where necessary |
| Poisonous plant, mushrooms or berries | Poisoning | Low | Monitor accordingly |
| Pond  | Drowning, and sinking in mud especially for children | Low | This area is dry most of the time, monitor during heavy rainfall |
| Camping, none allowed on Green | Unlawful camping | Low | Monitor and ask them to move |
| Burning of fires | Not allowed on Green, burns to people and damage to the area | Low | Monitor and ask them to put bonfire out |
| Parked cars | Injury from car movements Damage to the ground | Low | No cars allowed monitor accordingly |

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