

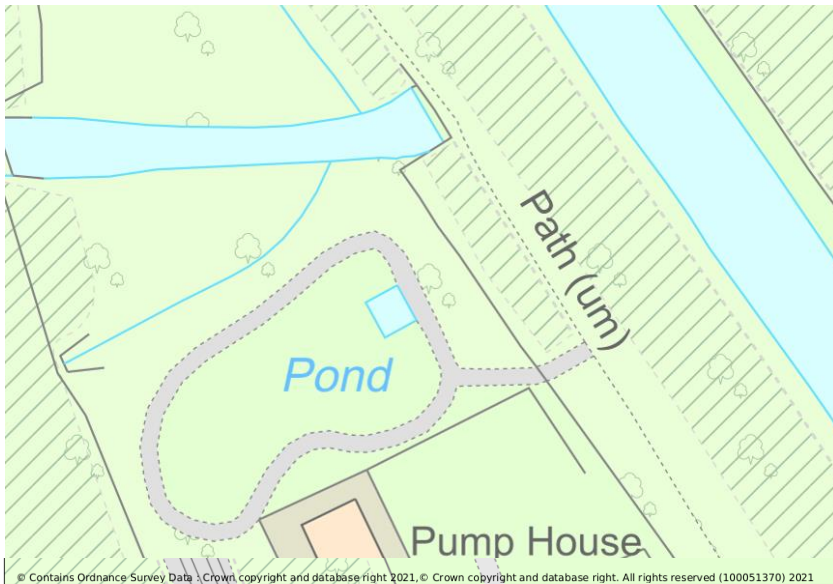
# Weedon Bec Pocket Park

## Risk Assessment

### Location:

Church Street being the allotments, access via Puddlebank footpath: Title Registration No: NN302952

The .76 acre site is situated behind the Parish Church/allotment and lies between the railway viaduct and Grand Union Canal embankment.



### The Site

The pedestrian access to the Pocket Park is from the Public Right of Way footpath which runs along the bottom of the canal embankment – known locally as Puddlebank. The Pocket Park can also be accessed for maintenance, through the allotments but has two further barrier fencing panels before entering the park. Both are combination padlocked. The site is managed by the Parish Council.

### Facilities

No facilities provided on the site.

The Pocket Park has a variety of trees and shrubs. There are steps down into the area and a circular path around the site. To one side there is a small bridge which runs over a small culvert. There is also a pond on site.

### Users

Access to the pocket park is open for all ages.

### Legislative considerations:

Occupiers Liability Acts 1984 & 1957 – duty of care to all lawful visitors and trespassers.

Health & Safety at Work Act 1974

**Risk assessment for individuals:**

Hazard	Who	Level of risk	Action
Trips and falls typically giving rise to minor cuts and abrasions, twisted ankles etc.	Members of the public, contractors	Medium	Care to be taken by individuals; should be alert to local surface conditions, vegetation, etc Each individual has to take personal responsibility for his/her safety. Contractors to undertake their own risk assessment.
Use of tools - risk of injury to self and others	Contractors	Medium	Each individual has to take personal responsibility for his/her safety. Contractors to undertake their own risk assessment.
Pocket Park – steps, bridge, footpath (trips/falls/cuts and abrasions	General Public, contractors	Medium	Each individual has to take personal responsibility for his/her safety. Contractors to undertake their own risk assessment.
Pocket Park – pond with surrounding fencing.	General Public Contractors	Medium Children should be supervised	Each individual has to take personal responsibility for his/her safety. Contractors to undertake their own risk assessment.

**Risk assessment for the Council:**

Hazard	Level of risk	Action
Personal injury resulting in a claim against public liability insurance	Medium	Monitor site and mitigate hazards. Erect notice is there is an immediate danger
Volunteers acting at the request of the council being injured during that activity	Medium	Risk assessment undertaken to ensure the volunteer has the requisite skill set and the tools used are fit for purpose.
Personal injury caused by tools – contractors	Medium	Ensure any tools used are fit for purpose and all contractors to carry own risk assessments
Damage to infrastructure ie bridge/steps/fencing around pond and pond	Medium	Budget accordingly. Monitor site and mitigate hazards Erect notice if there is an immediate danger