



Stanton Parish Council Cemetery - Risk Assessment

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Activity	Potential Hazards	Risks posed	Control Measures	Risk Level High (H), Medium (M), Low (L)	Additional measures
Driving – Lawn mowers, hearses, funeral vehicles, mechanised diggers, Contractors vehicles	Accidents from moving vehicles	Injury to operatives or members of the public	Only authorised vehicles allowed in the Cemetery (ie those required at the time of a burial or to prepare for the same)	L	Contractors or Funeral Directors will be responsible for their own risk assessment to protect their employees and members of the public
Operating equipment i.e. Grass and hedge cutting and mechanised diggers	Fire or operating accidents	Injury from burns/cuts/foreign bodies in eyes/smoke inhalation or ingestion/cuts and scratches	The Parish Council employs reliable and competent contractors and grave diggers and uses Funeral Directors who are members of the National Association of Funeral Directors	L	Contractors or Funeral Directors will be responsible for their own risk assessment to protect their employees and members of the public
Excavations/ grave digging	Falling, tripping, injuries to back, sprains, strains, musculo-skeletal injuries, cuts, bruises. Infectious disease control	Injury to members of the public and employees of contractors.	The Parish Council has appointed a preferred supplier (Gary Smith) to ensure competency is maintained for all graves.	L	The preferred supplier (Gary Smith) will be responsible for his own risk assessment to protect members of the public in accordance with the signed agreement.

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Burial or internment Service	Falling, tripping, sprains, strains, injuries, cuts, bruises from falling on uneven ground.	Injury to members of the public, Clergy and employees of funeral directors	The Parish Council uses Funeral Directors who are members of the National Association of Funeral Directors	L	Contractors or Funeral Directors will be responsible for their own risk assessment to protect their employees and members of the public during a burial service
Memorial Inspection	Cuts, bruises or crush injuries	Injury to members of the public, Clergy, contractors and employees of funeral directors.	Memorials to be hand checked once every 5 years by qualified personnel starting 10 years after first memorial erected. (First memorial erected 2016)	M	Parish Council to make arrangements with West Suffolk Council or any future Council when due. Update 281022 – enqs made with West Suffolk cemeteries manager to enquire about testing of current memorials. West Suffolk unable to assist with testing. Private company needed from 2026.
Weed killing	Chemical burns/breathing problems	Injury to members of the public, Clergy, contractors and employees of funeral directors.	The Parish Council ensures that this function is carried out professionally by competent contractors	L	Parish Council to delegate this to appointed grass cutting contractors who will be liable for their own COSHH assessment
Covid 19 precautions	Risk of spreading Covid-19 amongst mourners who have gathered to pay their respects.	Serious illness or death	The funeral director is responsible for ensuring that each funeral adheres to the current COVID 19 Guidance for managing a Funeral during the Coronavirus Pandemic	M	Parish Council to remind Funeral Directors of their responsibilities when a notice of Interment has been received

