

Belton with Browston Parish Council

Allotments Risk Assessment- 13th May 2026

Hazard/Risk	Person at Risk	Risk Level H/M/L	Control/Monitoring
Blisters, minor cuts, abrasions	Allotment Holders	L	1. Wear work gloves, not fabric. 2. Keep hands as clean as possible. 3. Keep up to date with tetanus inoculations.
Accidents with tools	Allotment Holders	M	1. Wear boots or other appropriate footwear. 2. Inspect site prior to work. 3. Exclude public if necessary. 4. Keep tools well-maintained to be safe to use. 5. Discard all faulty equipment. 6. Only use appropriate tools in correct manner.
Sharp: needles, razor blades etc	Allotment Holders	L	1. Do not lift leaves etc. with hands. 2. Use boards / rakes etc. 3. Wear boots and gloves.
Moving, lifting or handling loads	Allotment Holders	L	1. Assess load and location. 2. Seek help if required. 3. Get basic training in manual handling.
Uneven ground, trip hazards	Allotment Holders	M	1. Be aware of the state of ground being worked on. 2. Wear footwear with a good grip. 3. Take extra care if working on slippery ground. 4. All access routes must be kept free from materials and debris at all times.
Bacterial infections	Allotment Holders	L	1. Be aware that illness and infection can be caused by poor garden hygiene. 2. Take care not to put hands in mouth or around mouth, nose or eyes while gardening. 3. Wash hands carefully before eating. 4. Cover cuts or grazes with waterproof dressings while working in the garden. 5. Garden produce should be washed thoroughly before eating
Plant allergies	Allotment Holders	L	1. Be aware you may be allergic to certain plants and if so avoid contact. 2. Try to wear gloves at all times. 3. Wash hands thoroughly at the end of each session.
Animal manure	Allotment Holders	L	1. Wear gloves when handling animal manures and wash hands thoroughly afterwards.