

Risk Assessment Form – Belton with Browston Parish Council

Activity: Use of Grass Mowers & Strimmers

Assessment Date: 13th May 2026

Hazard and Risk	People at risk	Our Controls	Our Future Controls	Risk Level	
Improper use of equipment - damage to eyes, ears.	Employee	Everyone involved in grass cutting must wear suitable strong footwear, ideally steel toe capped boots/shoes, ear defenders, visors and/or goggles, protective gloves and overalls. • Equipment fitted with appropriate safety cut-off switches. • All equipment must be properly maintained and suitable for use.	Ensure daily checks are carried out on Mower, and PPE	2	
Stones/glass/cans thrown up - potential lacerations	Employee/public	Ideally stone guards should be fitted to equipment. Check area for glass/stones/cans and remove before cutting grass. No members of public within 30 feet of equipment when in use.	Mowers fitted with industry standard	1	

Vibration - hand injury.	Employee	Equipment serviced/maintained at appropriate periods. Operative to wear appropriate gloves as relevant. Operatives not to use strimmer for more than 1 hour at any one time.	Equipment is industry standard	1	
Slips/trips – falls.	Employee/public	Sweep footpath to remove the any grass cuttings. Grass cuttings etc., to be disposed of safely to eliminate trip/slip hazard.	N/A	1	
Contact with pollen, dust, grass etc. - allergic reaction	Employee	Use filter masks if required, particularly during periods of high pollen count	N/A	1	
Dog faeces disturbed by equipment - disease	Employee	Land inspected prior to use of equipment and faeces removed using appropriate gloves/equipment	N/A as Mower has guarding and staff wear PPE	1	

Clearing blockages – potential lacerations	Employee	Mowers/trimmer's fitted with safety cut off devices. Operatives wear safety gloves/goggles. Ensure that equipment is switched off prior to inspection.	Checked as part of daily checks	1	
Refilling mower/trimmer with fuel mixture – skin and eye	Employee	Rubber gloves used when refilling. Ensure hands are washed thoroughly	Staff training on safe re-fuelling	1	

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Adverse weather	Employee		Ensure that grass cutting/trimming is carried out during suitable weather conditions i.e., not whilst raining/lightning or electrical storms.	Staff have appropriate PPE, and are conscious of weather. In hot weather staff should have adequate breaks, change work pattern to ensure cutting earlier in day to prevent long exposure to sun, and cover up. Staff should also ensure they have water to maintain hydration	1	
High temperatures	Employee		Have good access to water and take breaks as necessary. Hats worn in sunny conditions. Longsleeved shirts in sunny conditions. Sunblock used if particularly sensitive.			
Heat exhaustion						
Dehydration						
Sunburn.						
Poor visibility	Employee		Wear a high visibility waistcoat at all times			
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Date: 02/06/2026				Date: 05/05/2026		