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Ingatestone and Fryerning Parish Council Risk Assessment – Fryerning Cemetery

This Risk Assessment was adopted at a Full Council meeting on 4 April 2019

Description	Risk	Action/Notes
Overall site	General upkeep	Cemetery inspected by the C&E committee annually to note works required
Cemetery location	Collision with vehicle when leaving the cemetery	Extreme caution to be taken when entering or leaving the cemetery parking area
Driving – Lawn mowers, hearses, funeral vehicles, mechanised diggers, Contractors vehicles	Accidents from moving vehicles	Only authorised vehicles allowed in the cemetery. 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 digger	Fire or operating incidents	The Parish Council employs reliable and competent contractors and uses recognised grave diggers and Funeral Directors Contractors or Funeral Directors will be responsible for their own risk assessment to protect their employees and members of the public
Lychgate	Falling roof tiles or flints, broken windows – possible injury to visitors	Inspection of the Lychgate every year by C&E and regular checks by staff and contractors when on site
Headstones	Leaning over – may fall and cause injury	Push Test (terminology) – if headstones are leaning 45-degrees, if possible, lay them down
Graves	Subsidence Open Graves	Topped up under contract Open graves to be clearly marked Grave digger to visually check for members of the public when working on site
Burial or interment Service	Falling, tripping, sprains, strains, injuries, cuts, bruises from falling on uneven ground.	The Parish Council employs reliable and competent contractors and uses recognised grave diggers and Funeral Directors

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Grounds	Uneven ground due to wildlife	All grounds are maintained by a contractor who also carries out safety checks on-site (re pests, litter etc) and reports back to the Parish Council
Hedges and overhanging branches	Injury	Contractor will trim back as and when required under contract
Paths	Slips and trips	Paths cleared as part of the annual grounds maintenance contract Uneven surfaces to be reported to the Clerk
Trees	Broken/falling	Annual tree inspection by professional arboriculture company with recommended works undertaken within advised timetable. Contractor regularly checks and remedial action is taken by the Parish Council, as required
Weed killing	Chemical burns / breathing problems	The Parish Council ensures that this function is carried out professionally by competent contractors