

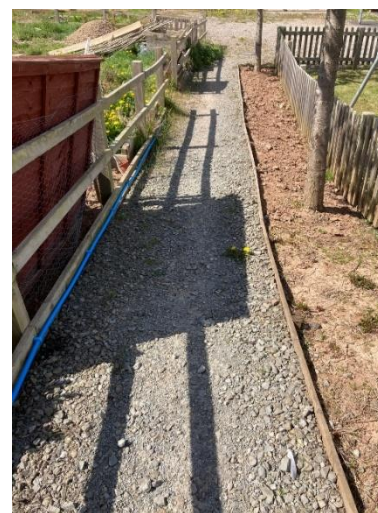


Dormington and Mordiford Group Parish Council



RISK ASSESSMENT		Allotment, Shepherds Orchard, Mordiford HR1 4FD					
LOCATION		Within the Parish of Dormington and Mordiford					
Summary of activity Assessment of hazards associated with the allotments at Shepherds Orchard							
HAZARD	POTENTIAL HARM	PERSON(S) AT RISK	PRECAUTIONS & CONTROL MEASURES	LIKELIHOOD OF OCCURRENCE	HAZARD SEVERITY	RISK FACTOR	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE
Pathways made of rough stone with protruding edging and raised drain cover	• Tripping hazard	• Allotment holders • Local residents • Contractors • Employees • Councillors	• Visual inspection to ensure the surfaces do not become too uneven • Visual inspection to ensure gravel level is at a height that mitigates edging trip hazard	2	3	6	Clerk to find out who is responsible for the pathways – Citizen or PC?
Fencing surrounding plots and pathways	• Splinters • Tripping hazard?	• Allotment holders • Local residents • Contractors • Employees • Councillors	• Visual inspection to ensure that fence is not broken or hazardous	3	1	3	Clerk/PC/ Citizen
Safety within each plot (e.g. trip hazards, broken materials, water safety)	• Tripping Hazards • Cuts from tools • Cuts from broken materials • Injuries from walking into stored materials like chicken wire	• Allotment holders • Local residents • Contractors • Employee • Councillors	• Responsibility for safety of those on a plot lies with the tenant (and clause included in the tenancy agreement).	3	2	6	Tenants

Tap water points (x2) – minimal hazards.	Stagnant water in trough	- Allotment holders - Local residents - Contractors - Employee - Councillors	- Taps are maintained in good order, and water is turned off between October and April to reduce pipe damage. - Water should be changed regularly through use	1	1	1	Tenants
Objects in pathways	- Hosepipes from the taps - Over grown plants and hedging from plots - Overhanging trees next to play park - Fallen sticks/ branches on the path from trees/plants	- Allotment holders - Local residents - Contractors - Employee - Councillors	- Hosepipes are not allowed (see Tenancy Agreement) - Plants/bushes and hedging obstructing paths from plots are the tenants responsibility to cut back (see Tenancy Agreement) - Trees need pruning regularly as branches are at eye height on the pathways	3	2	6	Tenants, Clerk, PC? Citizen



Pathways on the Allotment (original photos)



Waterpoints x 2 (original photos)



Community plot (Original photo)

Dormington and Mordiford Group Parish Council were gifted the land (Title number HE50899) by West Mercia Housing, as part of the community housing scheme at Shepherds Orchard. The land is used for allotments, and a community orchard. Unfortunately despite numerous attempts to contact WM Housing, the Deed of Covenant and the Land Registry registration were never executed.

The site is split into 14 plots of mixed size, a small area to be used by all tenants (a community plot), and a community orchard with 9 fruit trees. The site is outlined in red below.



Walk Around Risk Assessment observations carried out on the 19th May 2025

- Lots of overgrown plants encroaching onto pathways from plots – These need cutting back and are the responsibility of the plot owners.
- Trees overhanging pathways next to park – need pruning. These Trees are Citizen owned. They need to be cutting them back. Clerk to contact
- Stagnant water in trough next to bottom tank. Is it used?
- The fence needs repair at the top end where the wood as split, broken off in places or has splinters sticking out – needs repairing/replacing – PC?
- There is a hosepipe running from the top tap over 2 plot entrances into plot 7 (I think?) This is a trip hazard but it states in the tenancy agreement that no hoses are allowed. The other concern is that the fence in this plot has been opened up into the adjoining back garden of the property next to the allotment. Do we know if they are using the allotment water to water their own garden? The hose is long enough.
- Who pays for the water?
- The edging surrounding the path is protruding because the gravel level has dropped. This is now a trip hazard. – Citizen's responsibility or PC?
- There is a raised drain on the path from the carpark to the allotment. This is also a trip hazard and again wouldn't be if the gravel level was higher.

RISK ASSESSMENT FOR:	ASSESSMENT UNDERTAKEN BY:	LAST UPDATED ON:
Dormington and Mordiford Group Parish Council	NAME: Emma Donovan DATE: 19/05/25	DATE: DATE: DATE:

RISK MATRIX				Hazard Severity				
				1	2	3	4	5
				Low	Slight	Moderate	High	Severe
Likelihood of occurrence	1	Unlikely	May occur less than once in a lifetime	1	2	3	4	5
	2	Possible	May occur less than once a year	2	4	6	8	10
	3	Occasional	May occur two- three times per year	3	6	9	12	15
	4	Likely	Will occur more than three times per year	4	8	12	16	20
	5	Very likely	Probably going to occur	5	10	15	20	25

	If control measures are followed as described, risk factor is low enough to continue
	Hazard carries a moderate level of risk. Attempt to eliminate or isolate hazard; if this can't be done, decide whether task is essential and who is competent to ensure it is carried out safely. Additional control measures may be necessary
	Hazard is very high risk. Unless it can be isolated/eliminated, do not carry out task. Find alternative solution.