

Bredhurst Parish Council Playground Risk Assessment – Reviewed June 2026



1. General Information

Site Name	Bredhurst Community Playing Field
Owner/Operator	Bredhurst Parish Council
Frequency of Inspection	Weekly visual, quarterly operational, annual independent inspection
Last Annual Inspection	08/07/2025
Insurance Provider	Zurich
Review Date of Risk Assessment	08/06/2026

2. Equipment Covered

- Toddler Swings
- Junior Swings
- Junior Multiplay Station (including slide)
- Zip Wire
- Wooden stepping logs, agility trail and balance beams

3. Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment

Toddler Swings

Hazard	Risk	Likelihood	Severity	Control Measures	Further Action
Entrapment or impact injury	Medium	Medium	Medium	Regular maintenance checks for chain wear, seats, and frame integrity. Clear signage for age-appropriate use.	Replace damaged seats promptly.
Fall from height	Low	Low	Medium	Impact-absorbing surface installed. Swings height complies with standards.	Monitor surfacing condition.

Junior Swings

Hazard	Risk	Likelihood	Severity	Control Measures	Further Action
Impact between users	Medium	Medium	Medium	Adequate spacing between swings. Signage for appropriate use and age.	Install queue management signage if needed.
Wear and tear of chains and seats	Medium	Medium	Medium	Visual checks weekly; Operational checks quarterly tighten and replace as needed.	Maintain detailed log of maintenance.

Junior Multiplay Station (includes slide)

Hazard	Risk	Likelihood	Severity	Control Measures	Further Action
Fall from height	High	Medium	High	Anti-slip platforms, guardrails in place. Age-appropriate signage.	Ensure fixings are secure and surfaces intact.
Entrapment between bars or in slide	Medium	Low	High	Equipment meets BS EN 1176 standards. Regular safety inspections.	Modify structure if entrapment zones are identified.

Zip Wire

Hazard	Risk	Likelihood	Severity	Control Measures	Further Action
Collision at landing area	High	Medium	High	Impact zone clear, signage on single use at a time, shock absorber functioning.	Monitor for misuse, especially by older children.
Cable or seat failure	High	Low	High	Monthly check of cable tension, seat and fixings. Annual professional inspection.	Replace components after manufacturer lifespan. The area is unfenced can be used by dogs, check the seat for any dog bites

Wooden stepping logs, agility trail and balance beams

Hazard	Risk	Likelihood	Severity	Control Measures	Further Action
Slipping or falling	Medium	Medium	Medium	Anti-slip treatment applied. Timber treated and regularly inspected.	Remove algae/moss as needed.
Wood degradation (rot/splinters)	Medium	Medium	Medium	Regular inspections for rot, splinters, structural damage.	Replace or repair damaged logs promptly.

4. General Site Hazards

Hazard	Risk	Control Measures
Vandalism	Medium	Weekly inspections, community reporting system
Dog fouling	Low	Clear signage, regular groundskeeping
Litter and glass	Medium	Weekly checks, bins provided and emptied regularly
Litter Bins	Low	Weekly checks to make sure they are emptied
Picnic tables	Low	Check for any damage, check the bases and repair if necessary
Bench	Low	Check for damage and repair as necessary
Signage	Low	Make sure the information is up to date with relevant contact details
Playground perimeter fence & gate	Low	Check for corrosion and bent columns. Check the gate closes properly
Trees and Hedges	Low	Cut back any overgrown vegetation that may interfere with play equipment
Cleaning	Low	Annual or biannual cleaning of all equipment and furniture should be carried out.

5. Emergency Procedures

- First Aid Kit: Available at Bredhurst Village Hall, there is none on site.
- Nearest AED: Bredhurst Village Hall (in front of the playing field]
- Emergency Contact: [07966 425693]
- Incident Reporting: Log all incidents with the Clerk and report to Council at next meeting.

6. Conclusion and Recommendations

- All equipment is generally in good condition.
- Carry out regular inspections and minor maintenance as required.
- Continue with weekly visual checks and quarterly operational checks and record-keeping.

Signed:

Assessor: _____

Date: _____