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Property	Gulliford Burial Ground	**Location**	Lympstone and Woodbury	**Ref No.**	
Council	Lympstone Parish	**Chairman**	Mrs J Moffat (Chair to Gulliford Joint Committee) Cllr Lisa Staddon (Chiar to LPC)	**Date**	03/03/2024
Activity	Visitor and Group Site Risk Assessment				

Description:

This is a risk assessment of the visitor routes at the burial ground split in to high, medium and low-level use.
The use of the field takes account of different levels of use and types of activity, reflecting the numbers of people that use the area and the time that they spend in that area.
The risk assessment follows the guiding principles of the 'managing visitor safety in the countryside; principles & practice' guidance produced by the Visitor Safety in the Countryside Group and is relevant for visitors to site, FOGBG and contractors. Any specific activities carried out on the site are covered through other risk assessments.
Gulliford Burial Ground is a historic ground used in the past to bury wealthy parishioners of Lympstone and Woodbury as it lies on the border of the two parishes. There are tombs around the site and a paved path that runs through and around the ground. The ground is surrounded by a stone wall. It is easily accessible through one pedestrian gateway from the Highway. The ground is managed by the Joint Gulliford Committee for both parishes with the voluntary help of the Friends of Gulliford burial ground (FOGBG). NB The ground is in the joint ownership of both Lymsptone and Woodbury Parish Council.

Severity of the hazard:
How serious are the consequences likely to be? Extreme (fatality) / Serious (major injury or serious ill health / Moderate (minor injury)
Likelihood of the event:
How likely is it that the event will occur? Remote / Possible / Likely
Adequacy of controls:
Are existing precautions adequate? Good (most precautions in place) / Fair (some deficiencies) / Weak (serious deficiencies)

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Entrance and footpath – low risk				
Nature of hazard	**Groups at risk**	**Current precautions**	**Estimation of risk**	**Potential additional precautions**
Vehicles using the Highway coming into contact with pedestrians at the entrance.	Visitors, FOGBG and contractors	The vegetation at the entrance is well-maintained by LPC contractor. The entrance is open for clear visibility to both pedestrians and road users.	Severity of hazard : low Likelihood of event : possible Adequacy of controls : good	
Iron gates (entrance)	Visitors, FOGBG and contractors	LPC contractor to monitor – in working order	Severity of hazard : low Likelihood of event : remote Adequacy of controls : good	FOGBG fund raised for new gates and installed (Sept 21).
Trip/slips due to uneven/loose path surfaces.	Visitors, FOGBG and contractors	LPC contractor to regularly check the path surface and if necessary, temporary signage will be erected and a path diversion to an alternative route considered. All path surfaces and vegetation will be inspected in quarterly check and dealt with as required.	Severity of hazard : low Likelihood of event : remote Adequacy of controls : good	FOGBG received Heritage lottery funding to repair main footpath and footpaths to new signs - now installed (Sept 2021). This path is disability friendly and easier to maintain. Old paths still remain around some parts of the site.
Potholes in grassy areas (around tombs and graves)	Visitors, FOGBG and contractors	Due to the nature of the areas around graves and tombs, earth may move and cause potholes/uneven surfaces below foot. Monitor – Any uneven or damaged surfaces must be appropriately highlighted usually by means of a physical barrier or hazard tape to warn others of the risks until it can be suitably repaired or replaced.	Severity of hazard : low Likelihood of event : moderate Adequacy of controls : good	
Trees and plants	Visitors, FOGBG and contractors	LPC contractor to ensure overgrown vegetation is cut back as and when necessary. Inspect trees and report to LPC Clerk any necessary work.	Severity of hazard : low Likelihood of event : possible Adequacy of controls : good	LPC contractor to remove any dangerous or fallen trees/limbs immediately.

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Wall and Tombs – moderate risk				
Nature of hazard	**Groups at risk**	**Current precautions**	**Estimation of risk**	**Potential additional precautions**
Loose/leaning wall and stones	Visitors, FOGBG and contractors	FOGBG to inform LPC of any loose/leaning wall and stones.	Severity of hazard : extreme Likelihood of event : moderate Adequacy of controls : good	Walls around the whole site have been checked and repaired. This needs to be inspected annually.
Tombs	Visitors, FOGBG and contractors	FOGBG to inform LPC of any loose/leaning tombs.	Severity of hazard : low Likelihood of event : remote Adequacy of controls : good	All tombs have been inspected and those needing repair have been repaired. These are inspected annually.
Information Boards	Visitors, FOGBG and contractors	FOGBG to inform LPC of any damaged, or leaning information boards	Severity of hazard : low Likelihood of event : remote Adequacy of controls : good	All information boards installed in August 2021. These are inspected annually.
New bench installed (2022)	Visitors, FOGBG and contractors	FOGBG to inform LPC of any damage	Severity of hazard : low Likelihood of event : remote Adequacy of controls : good	

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