

## Risk Assessment for the condition and use of, the area known as Nethergreen Carpark

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### Description of activity / area

Nether Green is a public carpark, which is located adjacent to the old football playing fields. The carpark is often used by horseboxes visiting Blanch Meadows and also used by general tourists visiting the Parwich area, (often people walking / hiking). The carpark is also used by the local school (Parwich Primary School) for events such as sports days and is also a meeting point for the 'walking bus', where children meet and walk to school. Although the school has increased its use in the Parsons Croft playing fields, due to the increased facilities available at this site (seating areas, hard courts, toilets, etc)

Hazards and risks	Severity (Max 3)	Likelihood (Max 3)	Risk (SxL) (Max 9=3x3)	Controls
<p><b>Pot holes - Slip, trip and fall hazard:</b> At the time of our inspection, and in the view of both assessors, the holes were not sufficiently deep to cause any major safety concerns. It is recognised that people walking across and using the facility will have appropriate footwear (and are unlikely to be wearing high-heels, or similar which could make walking on any rough surface more difficult).</p> <p>Furthermore there is a suitable grassed pathway that runs alongside the carpark which allow walkers to walk across the carpark without having to step onto the gravel / limestone surface.</p>	2	1	2	Continue to inspect the area every 2-3 months to determine if the area has deteriorated and assess the need for remedial improvements.
<p><b>Pot holes - filling with water - slip, trip and fall:</b> At the time of our inspection, and in the view of both assessors the holes were not sufficiently deep to cause any concerns even when they contain rainwater. Users of the carpark may not be able to accurately see the depth of the potholes, however neither of the assessors believed this to carry any significant safety risk to the users.</p>	2	1	2	Continue to inspect the area every 2-3 months to determine if the area has deteriorated and assess the need for remedial improvements.
<p><b>Signage (lack of signage) - risk that people will not be aware of the uneven ground:</b> There are signs displayed on the carpark that state 'Vehicles are parked at your own risk' , however the sign does not state 'take care uneven surface. Whilst it is very clear that the ground is uneven, a sign would make this explicit.</p>	1	1	1	It would be prudent to display a sign at the entrance to the carpark to state 'take care uneven surface'