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Health and Safety Risk Assessment
The Church of St Mary the Virgin Wambrook



Revised January 2025.

Routine assessment January 2026.

Risk, Health and Safety Assessment January 2026

Venue: St Mary the Virgin ~ Wambrook	Survey Carried Out Jointly By The Churchwarden And Deputy Churchwarden.	Contact Details: See The Church Website

Hazard	Who May Be Affected?	Level Of Risk	Precautions/Actions & Further Actions
Hazard Identified During The Survey	Persons Or Equipment At Risk	Likely Severity Of Outcome Without Controls:- High: Fatal/Major ~ Medium: Lost Time ~ Low: 1st Aid/Minor	Control Measures That Will Be Employed To Reduce Assessed Uncontrolled Risks to Acceptable Low Levels.
Danger From Falling Branches	All	Low	None Required
Injury From Falling Into Open Grave Or Falling Gravestone	All	Low	Gravestones Routinely Checked And The Risk Of Falling Into Open Grave(s) Announced At Funeral Services
Loose Or Falling Masonry From The Tower	All	Low / Medium	Repairs Completed August 2017 And June 2021 (L.P.O.W. II & H.A.R.)
Persons Falling From The Bell Chamber Into The Nave	Bell Ringers	Low	Only Bell Ringers Allowed In the Bell Chamber And Made Aware Of The Risk
Risk To Bell Ringers From Bell Ropes	Bell Ringers	Low	The Tower Captain Regularly Reminds Ringers Of The Risk
Asbestos (If Present)	All	High	Assessment To Be Carried Out To Establish The Presence Or Risk
Electric Shock	Those Using Any Electrical Controls	Low	Satisfactory Survey August 2019. Next Survey August 2026.
Materiel Hazards [1] (Petrol)	Church Lawnmower Operators	Low	Petrol Under Lock And Key In The Mower Shed
Greater Attendance During Special Services	All	Low	Fire Exits Announced Before The Service Or Activity. (Standing Item At The A.P.C.M.)
Machinery Hazards [2]	Volunteer Mowers / Strimmer Teams	Low	Standing Orders In Place Setting Out The Precautions For This Work
Food Hygiene	All	Low	No Food Prepared On Site. Minor Risk From Tea/Coffee/Biscuits/Nibbles etc.
Manual Handling	Not Applicable	Low	No Manual Handling Carried Out

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Child Abuse	All Young People	Low	Safeguarding Policy In Place.
Building Integrity 2026	All	Low	Monitor the Building Structure For Integrity
Special Events:- Cream Teas Scarecrow Events Or Similar	All	Low	No Risk
Disability Issues	Disabled People	Low	Wheelchair Ramp Can Be Deployed
Fire Risk	All	Low	Fire Detected During A Service Would Be Dealt With Quickly And Attendees Directed To The Designated Exits. Two Water Based Extinguishers Are Available On Site And Regularly Checked Under Contract. Exit Procedure Is Announced Before Any Events.
Fire Risk When The Building Is Empty	None	Low	Would Likely Be Seen By Nearby Residents Or The Public Road. Fire Brigade to Attend
Personal Assault	All	Low	This Is A Low Risk Area With No Evidence Of Such Activity. No Action Needed.

Notes:-

1. No hazardous materiel is held within the main Church building.
2. Mowing and strimming operators are made aware of the personal risks and the possibility of flying debris from strimming. i.e. Stone work around downpipe drains and hidden gravestones. Protective clothing and eye protection should be worn at all times.