

Strathkinness Primary School Garden and Polytunnel - Generic Risk Assessment

Strathkinness Community Garden on Bonfield Road is managed by Strathkinness Community Trust and is one of a number of assets within the village which are maintained to enhance the environment of the village and to improve the well-being of residents.

The garden site includes a plot set aside for use by the primary school pupils and specifically the Primary School Gardening Group

The plot includes raised beds, fruit bushes a bee and insect friendly area and a polytunnel.

This Generic risk assessment has been written specifically for users of the primary school garden and should be read in association with the general SCT community garden generic risk assessment

Strathkinness Community Council		Area – Community Garden Bonfield Road	Assessed by – James Tebbs		Date – 20-3-2024	
What are the Hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you doing already?	What further action is Necessary?	Action by whom?	Action by when?	Done?
The access lane is uneven and often wet with hedges to both sides of the lane	Members of staff, carers and pupils Slips, Trips and Falls Causing cuts bruises and sprains	Monitor and repair lane surface when necessary Periodic cutback and trimming of hedges	Include in Garden inspection surveys			
Access to the Community Garden	Members of staff, carers and pupils Slips, Trips and Falls Causing cuts bruises and sprains	The garden is permanently open and there is no restriction to entry for adults or accompanied minors under the age of 12 years Sole access is via the garden gate situated on the lane from Bonfield Road	A garden entrance notice is to be prepared advising Uneven Ground with risk of slips and trips and that users of the garden enter at their own risk	J Tebbs	Next Garden Survey	
Unsupervised Access for minors	Young people may come to harm through contact with garden items, such as machinery, tools, glass houses, plants and buildings causing cuts and bruising	Minors under the age of 12 years must be accompanied and supervised by an adult at all times whilst they are in the garden. Official school groups and other groups of minors should be supervised as defined in the local authority staff/pupil ratio advice to schools They must also receive instructions in the responsible care of themselves and others whilst accessing the community garden				

Injury from using garden tools and pruning equipment	Members of staff, carers and pupils may suffer cuts and bruises from incorrect use of garden equipment	Minors under the age of 12 must be advised of the risks and receive instruction in the safe use of garden tools and equipment and supervised at all times				
Access to the school polytunnel	Members of staff, carers and pupils may suffer cuts and bruises by coming into contact with unprotected roof support bars and door parts	Access to the polytunnel is via the main garden path Pupils entering the polytunnel must always be accompanied by an adult. Roof support bars are protected with foam cladding and door frame taped to eliminate sharp edges	Safety aspects of the polytunnel is to be included in the community garden condition survey			
Access to school Polytunnel Door opening	Members of staff, carers and pupils may suffer cuts and bruises by coming into contact with partly opened door	To avoid accidental injury from coming into contact with the door edge The door on the poly tunnel should be kept closed or tied back at all times	Improve door tie backs			
Ingestion of harmful material	Members of staff, carers and pupils may suffer stomach ailments and sickness from ingesting harmful plant material	Minors under the age of 12 must be advised of the risks associated with ingesting plant material and must be supervised at all times				
Irritation and infection from biting or stinging insects	Members of staff, carers and pupils may suffer skin irritation from insect stings and bites	The school garden includes an insect friendly structure which may house biting or stinging insects Gloves should be used when accessing this area				
Low hanging apple tree branches	Members of staff, carers and pupils may suffer Head or Eye injuries by coming into contact with low hanging tree branches	Tree Pruning carried out to reduce risk to users				
Accidental Injury		A first aid box and eye wash pack are available in Iain's Shed for use by staff or carers Please advise the Trust if items are used from this kit				