

Risk Assessment: MUGA and Tennis Courts Cotford St Luke Parish Council

Location: Cotford St Luke Community Centre/School, Bethell Mead	Date: Updated 20 th November 2025	Completed by: Parish Clerk
Risk Assessment: Multi – Use Games Area (MUGA), Tennis Court and Exercise Equipment		

Identified Risk	Level of risk	Mitigation of risk	Action	Level of risk
Accidents & First Aid	Medium	Users to be aware of their surroundings. Regular inspection and maintenance of MUGA/Tennis Courts in place. Court rules sign displayed in court and rules emailed to participants on booking	Users use the MUGA/Tennis Court at their own risk and to have their own first aid arrangements in place.	Low
Colliding with the fencing during play - broken limbs, bruising, bumps and cuts/grazes to user.	High	The fence that surrounds the perimeter of the MUGA/Tennis Courts is smooth on the inside. No lighting provided for using MUGA/Tennis Court in hours of twilight and darkness. User colliding at speed causing minor bruising, bumps and grazes to users.	Users use the MUGA/Tennis Court at their own risk.	Medium
Disabled persons	Medium	MUGA/tennis court can be used by a disabled person. Disabled access via gate and footpath laid between MUGA/Tennis Court.	Disabled person to advise the Parish Clerk if there are difficulties using MUGA/Tennis Court. Contact details are displayed on the MUGA/Tennis Court fencing for reporting issues.	Low
Equipment failure	Medium	Equipment under guarantee for 1st 12 months MUGA/Tennis Court is open. Equipment to be inspected annually by external safety company. Somerset Council will do regular Monthly checks and forward reports to Clerk.	Annual external inspections contract in place. Maintenance contract in place. Contact details are displayed on the MUGA/Tennis Court fencing for reporting equipment issues.	Low
Leaves falling onto surface – slippery when wet. User slips or jolts from loss of footing.	High	There are trees and hedgerow in very close proximity to the MUGA/Tennis Court and in inclement weather leaves will be blown onto the MUGA/Tennis Court surfaces.	Users to notify the Parish Council of any problems with leaves. Contact details are displayed on the MUGA/Tennis Court fencing. Maintenance arrangements in place to clear away the leaves. Contract in place for vegetation and weed control	Medium

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Manual handling	Medium	Tennis court net and MUGA equipment to be moved in accordance with good manual handling practice.	Tennis court net and MUGA equipment to be moved by those authorised to do so.	Low
Slips, trips and falls – broken limbs, bruising, bumps and cuts/grazes to user when falling on surface.	High	The tarmac overlay is 40mm consolidated thickness of AC6 open graded porous surface course. Markings for netball, basketball and five-a-side football are painted onto this surface to indicate play area.	No spiked or studded footwear or stiletto heels, or muddy footwear to be worn by users when using MUGA/Tennis Court. Court rules displayed. Users to notify of any problems – contact details are displayed on the MUGA/Tennis Court fencing.	Medium

This Risk Assessment was considered by the Council on 4th November 2025

Signed:

Clerk/RFO..... Helen McGladdery