



**RISK ASSESSMENT**

**WESTBURY GOLF CLUB**

**9 HOLE GOLF COURSES**

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## **General Information**

### **1. Introduction**

This assessment addresses issues appertaining to the nine hole golf course only and does not consider any risks which may be present in or around the Clubhouse, Driving Range and Green's Keepers compound. Risks associated with Green's Keepers work duties are not considered within this assessment.

### **2. The History of Westbury Golf Club**

40 years to an area of farm land outside of the existing Westbury Blue Circle Sports Field which included: the Social Club House, a cricket square & football pitch. The land is formed on Kimmeridge clay "reserve raw material" and was owned by Blue Circle Cement for the production of Portland cement; it lies within site of the Westbury White Horse that enhances the views. A team of works' employees formed a small committee in 1973. The first task was to acquire skills required to design a course that would fit the boundaries of the land available and draw on experience within the volunteers to develop and start to build the course.

The second stage in 1975 produced a proposed layout for a regulation 9 holes course, tree planting, laying drainage and pipe work to irrigate in the development of Greens.

The course was developed into holes which are unique, challenging and tight, requiring accuracy and good club selection, in 1987 the Course proved suitable enough to enable the Club to participate in the Wessex League competing against 7 other Golf Clubs.

The course was later extended circa 1990 when land became available, thus increasing the length of the course and adding a water hazard. It is now a 'Pay and Play' course with membership for Golfers who have the option to play in competitive competitions.

The current Men's Course off the white tees is 2868 yards par 35 OUT and 2816 yards par 35 IN: Total 5684 par 70. It includes 3 par 5 holes.

The Ladies Course is 2606 yards par35 OUT and 2530 yards par35 IN: Total 5136 par70.

In 2009, the White Horse Country Park became the owners of the land on which the Westbury Golf Club resides. The relationship between the Westbury Golf Club and White Horse Country Club is that of tenant and landlord. The Golf Club have benefitted from remedial work: an additional water feature, considerable improvements made by the White Horse Country Club to the main building, providing a first class bar, and the availability of excellent food - a vast improvement from a Cement work's social club. In 2013 additional teeing areas were established for most of the holes on the back 9, thus creating different perspective, variation and not to mention, challenge for the back nine holes.

A recent addition is a new Golf driving range available to all. Plans have been drawn up by Architect Adrian Stiff for an extension to 18 holes. Adrian has designed 12 courses in the West Country including: Cumberwell Park, Kendleshire, Oake Manor and Players Club Bristol.

### **3. Topography of the Course**

The Course is set in 50 acres of fairly flat low lying ground and is owned by White Horse Country Park. Currently Westbury Golf Club lease the land on a yearly basis from White Horse Country Park. With gently undulating fairways, the course suits players of all ages, whilst providing a good test of golf for players of all abilities. The Course itself is bordered by fields, the driving range, Public footpath and Rugby pitches. To the south the B3098 can be seen and further South the White Horse is clearly visible.

To the right of the first fairway and green is the driving range, there is a drainage ditch that runs up alongside the fairway splitting the fairway with the driving range and another drainage ditch that runs from right to left across the fairway. The second is bordered by fields. The 3<sup>rd</sup> has a small pond to the left of the fairway depth is no more than 1 metre. The 5<sup>th</sup> has the rugby pitches to the right of its fairway and approaching the green there is a pond on the right which is approximately 7 meters deep. The 7<sup>th</sup> is bordered on the left by fields and stables, approaching the green there is a small pond on the left approximately 3 metres deep. To the rear of the 8<sup>th</sup> Tee there are stables. The course has several sand and grass bunkers, some of which have steep slopes.

### **4. Staff Working on the Course**

At all times staff working on the course have priority and no golf shots are to be played if the staff are within range.

### **5. Use of Trolleys, Electric Trolleys and Motorised Buggies.**

Westbury Golf Club Constitution and Rules states: Use of Trolleys, Electric Trolleys and motorised Buggies is under the guidance given by the Green keeper, who will inspect the course daily to ascertain the course condition, a sign will be displayed on the board by the car park advising all members and pay and play of any

restrictions imposed. Any member or visitor who intends to use their personally owned buggy will do so at their own risk and are advised to keep to the pathways and use the bridges with care. All buggy drivers must be over the age of 17 years.

**6. Reduced Visibility Weather Conditions.**

When foggy conditions prevail, the Green Keeper will stand on the 1st White Tee and if the drainage ditch bisecting the 1<sup>st</sup> fairway is not visible he will place a sign advising the membership that the course is closed. This will be reviewed over the next couple of hours by the Green Keeper. When the fog clears to an acceptable distance, as previously stated, the course closed signs will be removed by the Green Keeper and the course will be open for play.

**7. Lightning Policy**

In event of lightening or threat of lightening the course will be closed by Green Keeper or Member of the Committee.

The Fog Horn within the Clubhouse will be taken and sounded at 1<sup>st</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> tee. For closure of the course it will be sounded once. A sweep of the course will take place and all players will be told that they must immediately vacate the course; it is not an option to continue at your own risk. A sign is to be placed on 1st Tee and on the Board that the course is closed. Course may be re-opened by Green Keeper or Member of the Committee once the risk of lightening has passed and the closure signs to be removed.

**8. Paths**

Where paths are available on the course all golfers whether walking, using a trolley or buggy must use them.

**9. Painted White Lines.**

On occasions there will be temporary white painted lines placed at various locations on the course. These are to ensure the safety of all players and to assist the Green keepers to maintain parts of the course. Under no circumstances are players to enter with trolleys or buggies.

**10. Footwear.**

All players (members & visitors) must ensure they have golf shoes which are adequate & suitable for the ground/weather conditions on the day of play.

**11. Players Insurance.**

All golfers (Members & Visitors) are covered by the Club once they have paid. Those players who have not paid are at risk and are liable for any costs incurred whilst on the course for:

- Death or bodily injury.
- Loss of damage to material property.

## **Safety Notices**

**12. Public Footpaths.**

There are no public footpaths that cross any part of the Course.

**13. Private Road.**

There is a road that runs up the left side of the 8<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> fairway/green this is partially protected with sparsely populated deciduous trees. At all times users of the road have priority. Do not play a shot if there is a risk of anyone using the road is in danger of being hit by a wayward golf ball. Ensure all users are clear before taking your shot.

**14. Score Cards**

The following message will be printed on each score card:

### **Health & Safety Notice**

*Playing golf on uneven terrain & changeable ground conditions carries inevitable risks.*

*You play this golf course having been made aware that a full risk assessment has been conducted, is available to be read on the Club Website, in the Clubhouse and starting hut and that you have taken the time to familiarise yourself with its content. Additionally, for your safety & for the protection of the course, please ensure buggies & trolleys are*

*kept outside white lined areas at all times. Whilst we want you to enjoy your round, The Club accepts no liability for any accident or damage caused by not following the safety notices & guidelines whilst playing on our courses.*

*Thank you for your understanding on this matter.*

**15. Responsibilities.**

The Chairman is responsible for maintaining this risk assessment with approval from the Committee.

**16. Overview of Risk Assessment Definitions.**

The risk assessment will address the following:

- Generic risks whilst playing golf.
- Risks whilst carrying Clubs and using motorised and pull trolleys in dry and wet conditions
- Risks whilst driving motorised buggies in dry conditions.
- Risks whilst driving motorised buggies in wet conditions.

**17. Risk Assessment.**

The Risk Assessment is presented in three categories:

- Generic Risks
- Risks on a hole by hole basis for the 18 hole course

For each hole the type of risk will be graded as detailed below:

- L= Low or Little Risk
- M= Medium Risk
- H = High Risk

Where there is a Medium or High risk a possible solution /recommendation to mitigate as much as possible and reduce the risk will be suggested. When defining the location of a risk by reference to a particular hole this is ascertained by looking from the Tee towards the Green.

**18. Publication of Risk Assessment**

- A copy of the full risk assessment was available in the following locations:-
- Club Website
- Club house
- Starting Hut

**19. Copyright**

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## Generic Risks

Risk Description	Grade of Risk	Solution/Recommendation
Being struck by a golf ball hit offline by a golfer playing on another part of the golf course	High	1. All players must remain alert at all times to the behaviour of nearby players. 2. Players who have played an offline shot must immediately shout "FORE" to alert all surrounding players that the shot has been struck.
Being struck by a golf ball hit by a playing partner	High	1. Non playing partner (s) must not advance in front of the shot being played. 2. Players who have played a shot towards a playing partner (s) must immediately shout "FORE" to alert all surrounding players that the shot has been struck
Being struck by a golf ball played by a golfer in the following group	Medium	Following golfers must ensure that those in front have advanced further than they can hit their best shot.
Being struck by the swinging club of a playing partner.	Medium	Players must stand at least 2 metres away from the arc of the swinging club
Tripping on uneven, sloping, or slippery ground.	Medium	1. Obvious tripping hazards should be removed by fellow golfers & Green keeping staff. 2. Sloping areas which become wet and are lacking in thick grass cover should roped off by Green's staff to prevent entry by players. 3. Extra care should be taken by all golfers.
Tripping over a fellow golfer's playing equipment, trolley, or motorised buggy.	Low	Care should be taken by all golfers on the course.
Most of the bunkers on the course are surrounded by steeply sloping sides. These slopes when wet are particularly slippery.	High	1. When entering/exiting bunkers to play/after playing a shot, entry and exit should be from the shallowest edge of the bunker. 2. Trolleys (whether motorised or pull) and motorised buggies must not be taken within 5m of any of these slopes in either wet or dry conditions
Many of the teeing areas are surrounded by steep or medium sloping ground.	Medium High	Trolleys & motorised buggies are not to be taken on to these slopes in dry or wet conditions.
Throughout the courses there are steep and medium slopes which must be treated with care particularly during wet conditions. Specific slopes are dealt with as part of the hole by hole assessment.	Medium High	All golfers should ensure they have golf shoes which are adequate & suitable for the ground/weather conditions on the day of play.
Ponds: There are three ponds on the course. These are mentioned in the hole by hole risk assessment.	High	All players should not walk inside the line of the hazard posts. If entering the sloping area at the pond edge (only on foot and without trolleys) then extreme care must be taken not to slip into the water. A warning notice of deep water to be placed in a clearly visible location at the pond edge. All trolleys/buggies must be left at least 3 metres from the pond.
Bridges: The Course has numerous drainage ditches, there are bridges/pathways to cross them. Please take care when crossing the bridges especially in wet conditions.	Medium	All players must take care when crossing the bridges as these are slippery in wet conditions, chicken wire has been nailed into the bridges to reduce the risk of slipping. Players who have personal buggies must take extra care when crossing the bridges.

### Using Motorised Buggies in Wet Conditions.

If the Course Manager considers that the use of motorised buggies on wet ground is likely to endanger drivers, passengers, and other players then he will inform the staff in the Professional's shop that motorised buggies must not be rented out to members and visitors until further notice is given. The Course Manager will also post notices in the Clubhouse and outside the Professional's shop which will inform any golfer intending to use a motorised buggy that use on the particular day is forbidden. If the Course Manager is absent from work then his responsibilities in this respect will pass to his Deputy. RISK=High from buggies skidding uncontrollably or overturning, causing injury to drivers, passengers, and walking players.  
SOLUTION= Banning the use until conditions are suitable.

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## 18 Hole Course: Hole by Hole Risk Assessment

### 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Hole

Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
1. Driving range: Right side of Fairway. Wayward drive could cause injury to people on the range.	1. Medium.	1. Included in generic risks detailed above. If a wayward drive has occurred a shout of 'Fore' must called to alert all golfers and the range.
2. 9/18 <sup>th</sup> Green: In direct line to the 1 <sup>st</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> fairway. Chance of being struck by a ball whilst putting on the 9/18 <sup>th</sup> green.	2. Medium.	2. <b>As per serial 1 above. No player should tee off the 1<sup>st</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> if players are on the 9/18<sup>th</sup> green and are in the processes of putting out. If players are approaching the 9<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> Green and are not on the green players on the 1<sup>st</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> Tee have right of way.</b>
3. Tee to green: When walking towards the 1 <sup>st</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> green there are pathways and bridges to prevent players from falling in the drainage ditches.	3. Low in dry Conditions/ Medium in wet conditions.	3. Always take care when walking towards the green, players should ensure they utilise the bridges correctly to prevent trolleys or themselves from falling in.
4. Putting area: To the left of the teeing area possibility of being struck by a wayward tee shot.	4. Medium	4. As per serial 1 above. Players utilising the putting green should stop until players have driven off the 1 <sup>st</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> tee.
5. Green to 2 <sup>nd</sup> /11 <sup>th</sup> Tee. Uneven ground and storm ditch between the green and the Tee.	5. Low in dry conditions/ Medium in wet conditions	5. Care must be taken when walking towards the next tee as the ground is uneven in places and the bridge must be taken with care in wet conditions.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Hole

Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
1. 9 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup> fairway to the left: Wayward drive could cause injury to players on the 9 <sup>th</sup> and 18 <sup>th</sup> fairway.	1. High.	1. Included in generic risks detailed above. If a wayward drive has occurred a shout of 'Fore' must called to alert all golfers on the course.
2. Tee to green: When walking towards the 2 <sup>nd</sup> /11 <sup>th</sup> Green there is numerous dips and uneven ground.	2. Low in dry conditions/Medium in wet conditions.	2. . Players should always take care when walking towards the green especially in wet conditions.
3. Green to 3 <sup>rd</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup> Tee: Uneven Ground.	3. Low in dry conditions/Medium in wet conditions.	3. As per serial 2 above.
4. Green to 3 <sup>rd</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup> Tee: The 8 <sup>th</sup> green is to the right and player should be aware that there could be players teeing off.	4. High	4. Players should be aware of the 8 <sup>th</sup> Green and the risk of being struck by a wayward shot from the 8 <sup>th</sup> tee always be alert to the shout of fore when traveling to the next tee.



3<sup>rd</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Hole.

Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
<p>1. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> fairway to the left and 7<sup>th</sup> to the right: Wayward drive could cause injury to players on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> fairway.</p> <p>2. Tee to green: When walking towards the 3<sup>rd</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> Green there are numerous dips and uneven ground. To the right there is a small pond and players should keep at least 1 meter away from the edge.</p> <p>3. Green to 3<sup>rd</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> Tee: Uneven Ground.</p> <p>4.: The 7<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> Tee area is to the left and players should be aware whilst traveling to the next tee.</p>	<p>1. High.</p> <p>2. Low in dry conditions/Medium in wet conditions.</p> <p>3. Low in dry conditions/Medium in wet conditions.</p> <p>4. Medium</p>	<p>1. Included in generic risks detailed above. If a wayward drive has occurred a shout of 'Fore' must called to alert all golfers on the course.</p> <p>2. Players should always take care when walking towards the green especially in wet conditions.</p> <p>3. As per serial 2 and 1 above.</p> <p>4. Players should be aware of the 7<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> Tee off area and wait for players to Tee off before proceeding to the next tee.</p>

4<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Hole.

Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
<p>1. 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> fairway to the right and 5<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> to the left: Wayward drive could cause injury to players on the 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> fairway.</p> <p>2. Tee to green: When walking towards the 4<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> Green there are numerous dips and uneven ground.</p> <p>3. Green to 5<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> Tee: Uneven Ground.</p> <p>4. Green to 5<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> Tee: Players must be aware that players may be teeing off the 14<sup>th</sup> whilst they are travelling towards the 5<sup>th</sup> Tee.</p>	<p>1. High.</p> <p>2. Low in dry conditions/Medium in wet conditions.</p> <p>3. Low in dry conditions/Medium in wet conditions.</p> <p>4. High</p>	<p>1. Included in generic risks detailed above. If a wayward drive has occurred a shout of 'Fore' must called to alert all golfers on the course.</p> <p>2. Players should always take care when walking towards the green especially in wet conditions.</p> <p>3. As per serial 2.</p> <p>4. Players should be aware of the 8<sup>th</sup> Green and the risk of being struck by a wayward shot from the 8<sup>th</sup> tee, always be alert to the shout of 'Fore' when traveling to the 5<sup>th</sup> tee.</p>

5<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Hole.

Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
<p>1. 4<sup>th</sup> fairway and green to the left, out of bounds and rugby pitch to the right: Wayward drive could cause injury to players on the 4<sup>th</sup> fairway or green</p> <p>2. Elevated tee with wooden sleepers as steps to fairway, in wet conditions these steps are slippery.</p> <p>3. Tee to green: When walking towards the 5<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> Green there are numerous dips and uneven ground. 2 drainage ditches to cross and a pond to the right.</p> <p>4. To the left of the 5<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> Green is the bowling green which only has a shrub bush boundary of 1.5m high.</p> <p>5. Green to 6<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> Tee: Uneven Ground.</p> <p>6. Players must be aware that players may be teeing off the 1<sup>st</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> tee whilst walking to the 6<sup>th</sup> Tee. .</p>	<p>1. High.</p> <p>2. Medium in dry conditions/High in wet conditions.</p> <p>3. Low in dry conditions/Medium in wet conditions.</p> <p>4. Medium/High</p> <p>5. High</p> <p>6. High</p>	<p>1. Included in generic risks detailed above. If a wayward drive has occurred a shout of 'Fore' must called to alert all golfers on the course.</p> <p>2. Care should be taken when descending the steps to avoid slipping. Wire Mesh on sleepers will provide better footing.</p> <p>3. Players should always take care when walking towards the green especially in wet conditions. The pond on the approach is marked off and Deep Water signs around the pond, there is also a floatation ring if a player falls into the pond. Players should avoid going inside the markers around the pond and should not take trolleys within 3 meters of the pond.</p> <p>4. <b>Players should be aware of this and wayward shot may enter the bowling green and cause injury to Bowlers, a shout of Fore to alert the Bowlers on the Bowling Green must be called.</b></p> <p>5. As per serial 2.</p> <p>6. Players should be aware of the 1<sup>st</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> Tee area as the risk of being struck by a wayward shot from players on the Tee is high as you are traversing across their driving line. Players approaching the 6<sup>th</sup> Tee should wait until players have driven off the 1<sup>st</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> before crossing to the 6<sup>th</sup> Tee area.</p>

6<sup>th</sup> Hole.

Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
<p>1. 1<sup>st</sup> /10<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> fairway to the right and 9<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> Green: Wayward drive could cause injury to players on the 1<sup>st</sup> /10<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> fairway or green</p> <p>2. Tee to green: When walking towards the 6<sup>th</sup>/ 15<sup>th</sup> Green there are numerous dips and uneven ground. 1 drainage ditch to cross..</p> <p>3. Green to 7<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> Tee: Uneven Ground.</p>	<p>1. High.</p> <p>2. Low in dry conditions/Medium in wet conditions.</p> <p>3. Low in dry conditions/Medium in wet conditions.</p>	<p>1. Included in generic risks detailed above. If a wayward drive has occurred a shout of 'Fore' must called to alert all golfers on the course. <b>Players ready to tee off on the 6<sup>th</sup> have right of way unless there are players on the 9<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> green in the process of putting out.</b></p> <p>2. Players should always take care when walking towards the green especially in wet conditions and use the relevant path and bridge to the green.</p> <p>3. As per serial 2.</p>

4. Players must be aware that players may be teeing off the 1 <sup>st</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> tee whilst walking to the 6 <sup>th</sup> Tee. .	4. High	4. Players should be aware of the 1 <sup>st</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> Tee area as the risk of being struck by a wayward shot from players on the Tee is high as you are traversing across their driving line. Players approaching the 6 <sup>th</sup> Tee should wait until players have driven off the 1 <sup>st</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> before crossing to the 6 <sup>th</sup> Tee area.
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### 7<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Hole.

Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
<p>1. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> fairway to the right. 4<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> fairway and green to the left. Wayward drive could cause injury to players on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> fairway or green</p> <p>2. Tee to green: When walking towards the 7<sup>th</sup>/ 16<sup>th</sup> Green there are numerous dips and uneven ground. There is a drainage ditch running down the left side of the fairway.</p> <p>3. Green to 8<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> Tee: Uneven Ground.</p> <p>4. Players must be aware that players may be teeing off the 1<sup>st</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> tee whilst walking to the 6<sup>th</sup> Tee. .</p>	<p>1. High.</p> <p>2. Low in dry conditions/Medium in wet conditions.</p> <p>3. Low in dry conditions/Medium in wet conditions.</p> <p>4. High</p>	<p>1. Included in generic risks detailed above. If a wayward drive has occurred a shout of 'Fore' must called to alert all golfers on the course.</p> <p>2. Players should always take care when walking towards the green especially in wet conditions and use the relevant path and bridge to the green.</p> <p>3. As per serial 2.</p> <p>4. Players should be aware of the 1<sup>st</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> Tee area as the risk of being struck by a wayward shot from players on the Tee is high as you are traversing across their driving line. Players approaching the 6<sup>th</sup> Tee should wait until players have driven off the 1<sup>st</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> before crossing to the 6<sup>th</sup> Tee area.</p>

### 8<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Hole.

Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
<p>1. Private road/footpath running along the length of the fairway to the left, 7<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> Green to the right and beyond the green to the right is the 2<sup>nd</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> Green. Just past the 7<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> Green to the right is the tee off area for the 9<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> hole. Wayward shots could cause injury to players and users at the above locations.</p> <p>2. Tee to green: When walking towards the 8<sup>th</sup>/ 17<sup>th</sup> Green there are numerous dips and uneven ground. There are 2 bunkers which are quite shallow. The green is slightly raised.</p>	<p>1. High.</p> <p>2. Low in dry conditions/Medium in wet conditions.</p>	<p>1. Included in generic risks detailed above. If a wayward drive has occurred a shout of 'Fore' must called to alert all golfers on the course. <b>Players should be aware of the Private road/footpath running along the left of the fairway and to the left of the Green, wayward shots even though going out of bounds should always have a shout of Fore to alert any pedestrians/users. Priority should always be given to users/pedestrians before teeing off and players should not tee off until the users/pedestrians are in no danger.</b></p> <p>2. Players should always take care when walking towards the green especially in wet conditions and use the relevant path and bridge to the green.</p>

3. Green to 9 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup> Tee: Uneven Ground.	3. Low in dry conditions/Medium in wet conditions.	3. As per serial 2.
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### 9<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Hole.

Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
1. To the left is the 2 <sup>nd</sup> /11 <sup>th</sup> fairway, to the right is the 3 <sup>rd</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup> fairway and a little further right the 7 <sup>th</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup> fairway. Wayward shots could cause injury to players and users at the above locations.	1. High.	1. Included in generic risks detailed above. If a wayward drive has occurred a shout of 'Fore' must called to alert all golfers on the course.
2. Tee to green: When walking towards the 9 <sup>th</sup> / 18 <sup>th</sup> Green there are numerous dips and uneven ground. There is a rise halfway toward the green and a storm ditch that runs up the left hand side and also diagonally across the fairway.	2. Low in dry conditions/Medium in wet conditions.	2. Players should always take care when walking towards the green especially in wet conditions and use the relevant path and bridge to the green.
3. When approaching the 9 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup> Green be aware that there might be players ready to Tee off on the 1 <sup>st</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> .	3. Medium	3. Players ready to tee off on the 1 <sup>st</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> have right of way. If players on the 9 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup> Green are already in the process of putting then the right of play belongs to them.
4. Green to 10 <sup>th</sup> or starting hut: Uneven Ground.	4. Low in dry conditions/Medium in wet conditions.	4. As per serial 2.

### 15<sup>th</sup> Hole.

Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
1. To the left is the 5 <sup>th</sup> /14 <sup>th</sup> fairway, to the right is the 9 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup> fairway and further right the 1 <sup>st</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> fairway. Wayward shots could cause injury to players on the above locations.	1. High.	1. Included in generic risks detailed above. If a wayward drive has occurred a shout of 'Fore' must called to alert all golfers on the course.
2. Tee to green: When walking towards the 15 <sup>th</sup> Green there are numerous dips and uneven ground. There is a storm ditch that runs diagonally across the fairway.	2. Low in dry conditions/Medium in wet conditions.	2. Players should always take care when walking towards the green especially in wet conditions and use the relevant path and bridge to the green.

3. Green to 7 <sup>th</sup> /16 <sup>th</sup> Hole: Uneven Ground.	3. Low in dry conditions/Medium in wet conditions.	3. As per serial 2.
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## **Appendix A - Precise version of Risk Assessment.**

### **WESTBURY GOLF CLUB 9 HOLE COURSE**

#### **ON COURSE RISK HIGHLIGHTER**

**THE CLUB'S COMPREHENSIVE UPDATED RISK ASSESSMENT IS AVAILABLE IN THE CLUBHOUSE AND ON THE CLUBS WEB SITE.**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT ALL MEMBERS READ THE COMPREHENSIVE VERSION.**

**IF ANY DOUBT EXISTS AS TO ANY ASSESSED RISK AND SOLUTIONS TO IDENTIFIED RISKS THEN THESE ARE TO BE CONVEYED TO THE CLUB OFFICE FOR CLARIFICATION.**

1. Be aware of the behaviour of other golfers and their place on the course. Do not play a shot until you are sure there is little risk of your ball hitting any other person particularly if you are hitting towards an area hidden from your view. Always shout "FORE" if you hit a wayward shot.
2. In foggy conditions do not attempt to play if restriction notices are placed on the 1<sup>st</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> tee.
3. Many bunkers have steeply sloping sides. The risk of slipping on these slopes is high. Always enter and leave from the lowest point and never take trolleys on to these slopes.
4. Many tees and greens have sloping sides. To avoid risk of slipping and skidding do not take trolleys on to slopes surrounding tees.
5. In wet conditions many slopes are very slippery. It is essential that footwear designed for golf is worn at all times.
6. There are 3 ponds on the Course the depth ranges from 1.5m (to the left of the 3<sup>rd</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> and to the right of the 9<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>) to 7m deep (Right of the 5<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> fairway and to the left of the 7<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> Green). The pond on the 3<sup>rd</sup> has shallow sloping sides and is marked off with white stakes, the other two have steeply sloping sides and are marked off with white posts, entry to the areas on the pond side of the posts should be only be made in extreme circumstances and with great care. No trolleys are to be taken on the pond side of the posts.
7. Directional notices are in place on the course, Deviation from indicated directions will be at the entire risk and responsibility on the individual.
8. Numerous drainage ditches run parallel and vertical to some fairways, care must be taken when approaching especially in wet condition. Under no circumstance are players to traverse the draining ditches by attempting to jump over them, players must use the bridges and paths that cross the ditches.
9. The Green Keeper is responsible for deciding if buggies can be used on the course if conditions are wet. His decision will be relayed to the Club House and signs will be displayed to confirm this.
10. Any accidents occurring on the course are to be reported immediately to the Club House.

## **Appendix B – Policy for use of buggies/trolleys during winter period**

### **FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS DOCUMENT THE WINTER PERIOD IS GENERALLY REGARDED AS BEING END OF OCTOBER TO MID MARCH.**

1. Electric Motorised Buggies: When the Green Keeper or deputy decides the course conditions are too wet then this will be displayed on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tee area and on the Car Park Notice board. No Electric Motorised Buggies will be allowed on the course.
2. Electric Trolleys and Push/Pull trolleys: When the Green Keeper or deputy decides the course conditions are too wet then this will be displayed on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tee area and on the Car Park Notice board. No buggies or trolleys will be allowed on the course.
3. The Green Keeper bases his decisions on two factors:
  - Whether or not there is a high risk to the health and safety of players using the above equipment.
  - Whether there is likely to be lasting damage to the course. Whether repair of this damage is likely to result in excessive expenditure, or detract from the appearance and playing condition of the course.
4. Carry only policy: It is under the discretion of the Green Keeper or deputy to decide when this Policy will be in place, this is for the good of the Course, Members and Pay and Play should respect this decision. When this Policy is in place then this will be displayed on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tee area and on the Car Park Notice board. This policy has worked well and generally has been accepted by the membership. It is inevitable that “at the margin” there is likely to be differing views on whether the Green Keeps decision is right or wrong, however he has the backing of the Committee to make that decision.
5. As the Green Keeper is the most experienced member of staff in these matters, then he/she and he/she alone should remain responsible for this function. He/She has to make the same judgement when deciding whether to deploy course machinery and whether he/she risks the health and safety of his/her trained and experienced staff when they drive the machinery.
6. Situations will arise when conditions are marginal. The Green Keeper should then consider whether a part of the course can be made available. This is unlikely to happen as the Course itself is mainly on one level.