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FRATING PARISH COUNCIL

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Public Rights of Way

This Risk Assessment covers all Public Rights of Way (PRoW) within the parish boundary including footpaths, bridleways and byways as recorded on the Definitive Map. It focuses on risks to public safety, landowner responsibilities and parish-managed assets such as stiles, gates, finger posts and bridges.

Location/Path Reference	Hazard Identified	Risk Description	Risk Level	Controls/Mitigation	Residual Risk
Footpaths – see list below	Overgrown vegetation; wet weather; erosion	Users forced off path; trip hazards; reduced visibility	L	- Seasonal cutting by landowner; - Monitor of growth - Additional cut if required	L
Footbridge over drainage ditch	Loose handrail	Risk of fall, trips and slips	M	- Installation of Warning Signage - Temporary closure if required	L
Bridleway across farmland – see list below	Deep ruts from tractor tyres	Trip hazard for walkers; risk to horses	M	- Levelling of ground - Report to landowner	L
Stiles	Broken rail	Risk of fall	M	- Report to landowner - Replacement stile or gate	L

Byway – access from B1029 across farmland	Fly-tipping	Obstruction; sharp objects; environmental hazard	M	- Report to Essex County Council - Consider preventative measures e.g. CCTV and signage	L
Crossing of A133	Fast-moving traffic, poor visibility	Risk of collision	M	- Review signage - Hi-Vis clothing	L
Adjacent to watercourse	Eroded bank	Risk of slipping into water	L	- Report to Essex County Council - Consider temporary fencing	L
Inspections	Adverse weather conditions	Inspectors/representatives of Parish Council	L	- Postpone activity - Wear appropriate clothing - Use sun screen if required	L

Footpath (FP) number/locations:

FP1: A133 Main Road to Frating Hall & Church
 FP2: B1029 Great Bentley Road to Great Bentley
 FP3: Rectory Road towards Thorrington
 FP4: Footpath No 3 towards Alresford
 FP5: from Footpath 10 to Frating Hall
 FP6 (in Elmstead)
 FP7: School Road B1029 Hockley Place
 FP8: From Footpath No 1 to Rectory Road
 FP9: (in Thorrington)
 FP10: Frating Park to B1029 Great Bentley Road

Bridleways (BR)

BR1: Farmland east of Frating to Great Bentley
 BR2: Cross-parish route across farmland

Byways (BW) (restricted or open)

BW: Access from B1029 – farmland track

General Findings:

- Most paths remain accessible and in reasonable condition
- Several issues require attention from Essex County Council, particularly structural defects such as bridges
- Landowner cooperation is generally good, though some stiles and vegetation require more frequent maintenance
- Signage is adequate but weathered in some locations

Recommendations:

- Maintain a six-monthly inspection cycle, with additional checks after storms or flooding
- Keep a photographic log of defects for insurance and reporting
- Liaise with Essex County Council and Tendring District Council as appropriate for enforcement and fly-tipping removal
- Consider a volunteer “Parish Path Warden” scheme to support monitoring
- Publish a summary of key issues on the parish website to encourage public reporting

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Hazard Severity

Low Risk	Negligible	Unlikely to occur
Medium Risk	Minor – Severe Injury	Occasional occurrence
High Risk	Severy Injury - Death	Likely to occur

Risk Matrix

Probability	Severity			
	High			
	Medium			
	Low			
	Impact	Low	Medium	High