

Norton Parish Council - Jack's patch play area inspection report

This report will be produced monthly by the NVCA for the NPC, the operator, inspections may be conducted more regular dependent upon use of the area, weather conditions, reports received etc. In addition to regular visual inspections and the monthly reports the play area is inspected annually for the NPC by a professional independent organisation.

Date of inspection	28-01-2019
Inspected by	 Tim Kirby

Item to be inspected	Control measure guide	Risk	Action taken or required
Site cleanliness	Remove any rubbish from site, animal fouling.	L	Litter removed.
Gate	Condition, hinges, closer, +12mm gaps at side	M	Bottom of gate catching and close spring not operating. Needs adjusting.
Fencing/Hedges	Condition, panels, posts, no nails/bolts showing, do not climb & rules signs.	L	Fencing posts loose, may need replacing, will monitor.
Land retain posts	Condition, secure.	L	
Planting trees and grass	Grass cut, shrubs & trees controlled, limited weeds, even surfaces.	L	
Bark play surface	Even distribution, depth min 200/300mm, not compacted, limited weeds, no trips.	L	Weeds picked and removed.
Multiplay Unit Tower - steps	Condition, loose steps, slip.	L	
Tower - cargo net	Condition, secure, frayed cable, wear to eye bolts, shackles & links.	L	
Tower - climbing wall	Condition, secure, climb blocks tight.	L	
Tower - slide	Condition, secure, bolts, no cracks or obstructions on chute.	L	
Tower – platforms	Condition, secure, guard rails, no splinters.	L	
Tower - roof & posts	Condition, secure, no splinters, no climb sign.	L	
Swings - seats	Condition, secure, correctly fitted.	L	
Swings - frames	Condition, secure, anchored down.	L	
Swings - chains	Condition, secure, suspension shackle & pins wear, chain link wear, particular attention to moving parts.	L	Remove cover from shackle bolt annually & inspect for wear same for chain links. Replace at 30% wear. Last inspected June 2018. (Inspected on this visit).
Play panels	Condition, secure, no loose parts.	M	Apple tree branch intrusive, needs cutting back.
Boulders	Condition, slips.	L	
Bench & picnic table	Condition, secure, no splinters or faults.	L	
Slabbed area	Condition, secure, level.	L	
Steps	Condition, secure, level.	M	Soil/turf levels inside tread section is low, needs building up.
Signs	Ownership, contacts, rules in place.	L	

Additional Comments

Wickstead inspection carried out on the 3 January 2019. Three areas have been marked as Medium risk as detailed above, I am disappointed with the risk markings and do not see that the gate catching or a branch intruding constitutes a Medium risk, the steps maybe but again not a medium risk. I will correct/repair all the stated risks within the month.

Boundary fence posts rotting/loose in some places will monitor.

Thank you for your support and a Happy New Year to you all.

Note; e mail to clerk@nortonpc.org.uk before monthly NPC meeting (third Tuesday)