


## 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.

<b>Date of inspection</b>	<b>18-09-2019</b>
<b>Inspected by</b>	 <b>Tim Kirby</b>

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	L	
Fencing/Hedges	Condition, panels, posts, no nails/bolts showing, do not climb & rules signs.	L	Boundary fencing posts loose/rotting will need replacing. The low hedges around the site have been cut by local residents, many thanks to them for this help. The other high hedges still need cutting by the PC contractor.
Land retain posts	Condition, secure.	L	
Planting trees and grass	Grass cut, shrubs & trees controlled, limited weeds, even surfaces.	L	As with the hedges some trees need cutting back.
Bark play surface	Even distribution, depth min 200/300mm, not compacted, limited weeds, no trips.	L	Weeds have become a problem, NPC to employ a contract gardener to maintain the area more regular as discussed with Mr R Saunders at the recent parish council meeting?  30 bags of play bark spread over the area.
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 2019.
Play panels	Condition, secure, no loose parts.	L	
Boulders	Condition, slips.	L	
Bench & picnic table	Condition, secure, no splinters or faults.	L	
Slabbed area	Condition, secure, level.	L	
Steps	Condition, secure, level.	L	
Signs	Ownership, contacts, rules in place.	L	Bill Weatherall village brass plate re-fixed to play tower

### Additional Comments

The upkeep of the area with regard to weeds and hedges needs regular maintenance. The council to manage this element and include this work as a regular maintenance task for a contractor as agreed at the recent Parish Council meeting.

HIGH HEDGES/TREES NEED CUTTING AS A PRIORITY.

Play bark spread around site.

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