


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

This report is produced monthly by the NVCA for action by 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>20-11-2020</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	
Land retain posts by swings.	Condition, secure.	M	Some posts have become rotten and one has fallen away, several others (approximately 15) are loose rotting and damaged. Temporary repairs made in 2 places., Suggest all posts are removed as most are rotting and some other form of land retention installed or ground graded back.
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 growing in bark surfaces, maintenance required.
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 2020.
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	

### Additional Comments

Retaining posts near swings have had temporary repairs, will need replacing, NPC.

Regarding replacing the play bark, it would not be the best time as winter degrades and compresses the bark. Far better to wait until spring now. We have always used play bark in the 70ltr bags as it is easier to move and spread, the bark in bulk is not correct play bark.

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