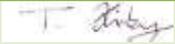


Norton Parish Council - Jack's patch play area inspection report

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.

Date of inspection	30-03-2021
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	New gate post has reduced the gap at one side
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.
Planting trees and grass	Grass cut, shrubs & trees controlled, limited weeds, even surfaces.	L	Mole hills present in grass.
Bark play surface	Even distribution, depth min 200/300mm, not compacted, limited weeds, no trips.	M	Weeds growing in bark surfaces, maintenance required. Top up bark in spring.
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.	M	Edge of grass mat (between swings) lifting about 30mm causing trip hazard.
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	Weeds need removing.
Steps	Condition, secure, level.	L	
Signs	Ownership, contacts, rules in place.	L	

Additional Comments -

Wicksteed inspection has raised 4 Medium Risk actions, some previously reported, to be corrected.

1. Edge of grass mat (between swings) lifting 30mm, recommend reset.
2. Bark areas to top up, 300mm minimum depth is quoted but we do not meet this.
3. Swing area retaining logs have decay recommend replacing.
4. Gate grounds when opened to 90°, in addition, a minimum gap of 12mm is required at hinge

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