


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	26-04-2021
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	
Bark play surface	Even distribution, depth min 200/300mm, not compacted, limited weeds, no trips.	M	Weeds have been sprayed by NPC contractor. Top up bark required in spring.
Multiplay Unit	Condition, loose steps, slip.	L	
Tower - steps	Condition, secure, frayed cable, wear to eye bolts, shackles & links.	L	
Tower - cargo net	Condition, secure, climb blocks tight.	L	
Tower - climbing wall	Condition, secure, bolts, no cracks or obstructions on chute.	L	
Tower - slide	Condition, secure, guard rails, no splinters.	L	
Tower – platforms	Condition, secure, no splinters, no climb sign.	L	
Tower - roof & posts	Condition, secure, correctly fitted.	L	
Swings - seats	Condition, secure, anchored down.	M	Edge of grass mat (between swings) lifting about 30mm causing trip hazard.
Swings - frames	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.
Swings - chains	Condition, secure, no loose parts.	L	
Play panels	Condition, slips.	L	
Boulders	Condition, secure, no splinters or faults.	L	
Bench & picnic table	Condition, secure, level.	L	
Slabbed area	Condition, secure, level.	L	
Steps	Ownership, contacts, rules in place.	L	
Signs			

Additional Comments -

Wicksteed inspection 2021 has raised 4 Medium Risk actions, 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.

NPC had arranged for weeds to be killed, Safe System of work, Risk assessments COSH details etc with NPC.

Meeting at Jacks Patch with N Dilkes (contractor) councillor's Kim Russell and David Birtles and Tim Kirby NVCA. NPC have asked for costs to repair land retaining posts, cut and secure mat by swings and adjust gate.

Note; e mail (Erica Fothergill) clerk@nortonpc.org.uk before monthly meeting (third Tuesday) www.nortonpc.org.uk