

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	23-08-2021
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	L	Gap at one side of gate (finger trap) corrected.
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. NPC have placed an order with a contractor to repair, awaiting materials.
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	Play bark topped up with another 20 bags of bark spread over site in July.
Multiplay Unit Tower - steps	Condition, loose steps, slip.	L	
Tower - cargo net	Condition, secure, frayed cable, wear to eye bolts, shackles & links.	H	A rope joint has parted at a horizontal/vertical joint, the plastic tie joint is broken. This should be removed or repaired asap.
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	Edge of grass mat (between swings) has been cut back and secured. One leg of the swing rises slightly when in use, monitor this.
Swings - chains	Condition, secure, suspension shackle & pins wear, chain link wear, particular attention to moving parts.	L	
Play panels	Condition, secure, no loose parts.	L	One play panel is loose on fence, as it is the broken one I will remove this and dispose of it.
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 -

Wicksteed inspection of 2021 raised 4 Medium Risk actions, 1 (Swing area retaining logs have decay) still to be corrected. NPC have placed order to repair land retaining posts.

Cargo net is a new risk and should be corrected.

Mr Doug French assisted with this inspection and as the NVCA soon to be closed he will be taking over the inspections on behalf of the Parish Council.

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