

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 **20-12-21**

Inspected by **Doug French**

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	Post holding the gate in position has broke away from foundation. The gate does not close due to angle of post. Unable to repair post in ground, the fence panel attached to the gate is supporting the gate.
Fencing/Hedges	Condition, panels, posts, no nails/bolts showing, do not climb & rules signs.	L	
Land retain posts by swings.	Condition, secure.	M	As per report from Emma on 16 th November an alternative is to be sourced in new year.
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 still remains fairly even in play area
Multiplay Unit Tower - steps	Condition, loose steps, slip.	L	
Tower - cargo net	Condition, secure, frayed cable, wear to eye bolts, shackles & links.	L	Removed from Tower
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	Temporary repair carried out Still remains firm in soil
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	
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.

Support timber has been put in place to secure swing frame from moving at base of timber. Support remains secure. NPC to source alterative for land posts in new year. Recommend fence repair to be carried out by fencing company.

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