

## Playground Report for 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

The equipment and playground were inspected on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 the general appearance is reasonable. The grass is still sodden has been hit by a lot more rain in the last month but it looks acceptable.

The bench outside the playground has a broken lath that needs replacing.

There are some actions, none of which is classed as major as a result of the ROSPA inspection and report.

The south gate was not satisfactory but by my action of inserting wedges into the ground anchor as a short-term measure, I had briefly managed to correct this problem with the gate, but it has already sunk back. A major resetting of the gate post is needed. Not a five-minute job....

The safety surface is still a problem, although not a major issue to be dealt with immediately.

There were two large dents in the ground just inside the North Gate and I have filled them with earth from the molehills.

The North Waste bin was full, so I have emptied it into the green bin (Parish Council one).

Other than these items identified by ROSPA I am listing the following.

One of the half-round steps on the infant climbing frame and one on the junior climbing frame area showing signs of splitting due to age or rot and will need replacement later this year. The picnic table in the middle of the playground still has two bolts that could do with tightening on one of the benches (not urgent and a significant job as the bolts have seized).

As to the rest of the equipment: -

The spinner, bouncing horse and Infant climbing frame are all in sound condition

The Junior climbing frame, swings and bouncer are all in sound condition.

The significant general problem is the safety surfacing as this is shrinking away from the wooden edging to the surfacing and this still needs repair.

Over the other side of the field, the Picnic area looks reasonable after being under water during the recent rains.

The hedge around most of the car park needs cutting back.

We have a new set of mole hills and I have set traps to dry to catch the varmint.

The pitch grass was flooded completely when the rains came but has coped quite well with the water and it has now drained away.

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