

Playground Report for November 2021.

The equipment and playground were inspected on 31st October 2021 the general appearance is reasonable although the grass is a little long. All the equipment is aged but safe..

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 main one being one of the gates (North one) needed the return spring repaired which I did. There are some bolt head covers that need replacing.

The south gate was not satisfactory. The slam gap is now non-existent. A major resetting of the gate post is needed. Not a five-minute job.... Still to be dealt with eventually.

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

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

A black box has been added for additional equipment (sports equipment).

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 (see note above) are all in sound condition, although all the wood is showing signs of age, and the beginnings of rot near ground level where the strimmer has eroded the wood of both swing frames which needs monitoring.

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 having mowed it recently and then I cleared nettles around the area. The mud kitchen equipment was topped up again by Janice. The play-shop has had to be removed as it has been vandalised beyond repair.

Mark and I have mowed the pitch but a further mow is needed now!

The pitch has been marked out for the present start of season for football training.

Robin Stafford Allen. Nov 2021.

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The playhouse minus the back door.



And both sides, and one plank out of the roof.



Ehem!



What do we do with the drunken sailor.....



Pictures of the black box now installed in the playground area.