

Playground Report for 1st September 2021.

The equipment and playground were inspected on 31st August 2021 the general appearance is reasonable. All the equipment is aged but safe. The grass looks a bit long.

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) needs a new return spring as the present one is broken (a new fault). 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.

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.

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.

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 twice during August. The mud kitchen equipment was topped up by Janice but it has dissipated into the ether already.

Mark and I have mowed the pitch three or four times in August as the grass had rather got away from us during the rainy season! Now looking better. I had success in catching the mole on the pitch area but I think we still have a cheeky resident one under the matting of the car park, but he is keeping a low profile at the moment so the situation will be monitored.

The pitch has been marked out for the upcoming season of football training. The off-season appears to be a blink of the eyes!

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