

Playground Report for 4th November 2020.

The equipment and playground were inspected on 4th November 2020 and the general appearance is reasonable. The grass is still sodden has been hit by a lot of rain in the last month but at some point recently it was cut and 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 is one significant dent or hole in the grass surface just inside the gate that will need an earth fill.

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 bars on the other ramp are loose due to drying out in this hot dry weather. 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 tables were inspected and are marked following some vandalism. The floods of the brook this last month has immersed the picnic area, and one of the four blocks has floated off and is still in the stream. I think it is nature to blame for that one.

The hedge around most of the car park is getting out of control and needs cutting back.

The pitch grass looks good given the rain but is a little longer than we would like.

Robin Stafford Allen. November 2020