

Playground Report for 2nd December 2020.

The equipment and playground were inspected on 1st December 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 looks reasonable.

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

The pitch grass was mown today at the request of Ardley Football Club and looks pretty awful given the rain but will settle in a few days.

Robin Stafford Allen. December 2020