

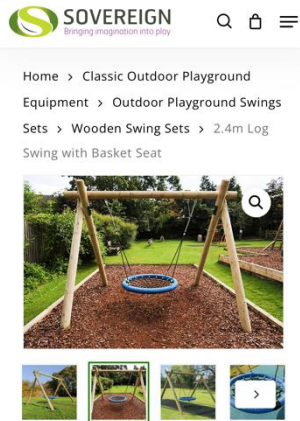
Playground and Playing field
June 2023
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- I have started to take on some of the responsibilities previously undertaken by Robin. I need to arrange to meet Robin and learn more about the site and previous responsibilities and projects.
- I have been introduced to the various managers at Ardley and made contact with them. The under 11s will continue to train on the field until the end of July on a Wednesday evening.
- We had a request from a WOTG resident and manager at Kidlington to train on the field on a Wednesday evening during the summer months but were unable to accommodate this due to the Ardley commitment, however I have asked the resident to keep in contact if they have any future requirements.
- I have spoken to Mark East who intends to continue to cut the grass, however as Robin steps back we may need to find Mark additional assistance.
- We had an issue with parking on a Wednesday at the field when there were two teams playing due unforeseen circumstances. I have spoken to a local resident who raised the issue and trying to find a solution with regards to stopping people parking on the verge outside the playground – likely use of logs from the spinney.
- Weston Veggies has returned and there has been a request to fence in the plot. I think we could fence this with a picket style fence and then have access eventually through the new play area if the play area were to move from its existing location.



- Red line shows the location of the vegetable patch and blue line indicates a possible location for any new play area.

- I have made contact with a few companies regarding a basket swing which could be installed in advance of a new playground as an initial project and am awaiting quotes, likely to be around £2k for supply. I have a number of ideas for replacing the park and am starting to collate details, primarily considering wooden climbing frames and play areas, zip wire, basketball area/table tennis table etc. I have made contact with Oxfordshire Playing Fields



2.4m Log Swing with Basket Seat

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- I have undertaken a basic visual inspection of the playground and there are no obvious issues. We have been in contact with OPFA regarding a training course for inspecting the playground and hopefully will be able to arrange a course.
- A number of tree branches and sections from the recent work in the spinney appears to have been put in the stream which is starting to cause a blockage. Unsure if this has been done deliberately or whether this was done by people messing around and if we need to clear this.