

Playing field Update October 2023

- Brief visual inspection of playground no obvious deterioration aside from that previously referenced.
- The gates to the play area and the main entrance to the field could do with some maintenance.
- Ardley FC have begun their season. They raised an issue with dog fouling on the field. Request grass cutting in advance of their home fixtures (every other week at the minute).
- Jane and her neighbour have cleared the stream and tidied the surrounding areas – many thanks to them for their efforts. Jane has also installed a waste new bin in the picnic area.
- Mark East has trained an additional volunteer to cut the playing field grass. There are two additional people I have been made aware of who are prepared to volunteer with jobs around the playing field – I am happy to coordinate them and can pass on any works required.
- Met with Sovereign play equipment and have a quote for new playground equipment which can also be broken down to additional pieces if required. I have another meeting scheduled 6/10 with Playdale (the existing supplier) and then need to schedule one further quote. The Sovereign meeting was useful and provided some additional information of note:
 - In general current equipment seems in a reasonable condition and green/yellow recommendations from ROSPA to be expected. He thought that now was a reasonable time to start to look to replace as generally equipment has a 15-20 year life expectancy.
 - Sovereign will not undertake repairs on another providers equipment as they would have to take on the responsibility for it. I will follow up a maintenance/repair visit with Playdale.
 - The quote is to keep the location/footings of the current equipment as this reduces the cost, it means that the current wet pour can be 'upgraded' with the existing equipment. Bark has its limitations and they would not recommend due to maintenance issues.
 - I have the plans and can forward to those interested. They have quoted for a zip wire and a caterpillar swing outside of the current area in front of the trees but could site elsewhere if required. New fencing not included.