

WIGGINTON PARISH COUNCIL WARDEN UPDATE: JAN 2024/FEB 2024

AREA	SPORTS FIELD
TO CHECK	Gym/Sports equipment, Children's playground, Car Park, Trees & vegetation, Safety Information, Fencing, Gates, Wooden bollards, Benches, Picnic Tables, Grass height, General ground conditions, Litter and Dog waste bags.
INSPECTION DATES	15/1, 22/1, 29/1, 6/2, 12/2
ISSUES TO REPORT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Litter picking was conducted. Pleasingly, litter levels remain very low. 2. Grass was found at a suitable height for sport and recreation activities. 3. The children's playground was visually inspected for obvious defects. No new defects were identified. However, comments/concerns continue about the lack of bark covering the ground (Photo 1). 4. The fitness/gym equipment was in working order. Essential user/safety information labels are now in place for all equipment, including the bicycle and Twist and Step fitness stations (Photo 2 & 3). 5. Dog poo bag dispensers were replenished as needed. 6. All outdoor furniture (benches and picnic tables) was seen in good order. 7. Apple trees by the playground have had overhead branches successfully cut back (Photo 4). This will reduce the amount of fruit falling into the playground as well as promote the health of the trees. 8. Members of the public using the Osborne Way entrance are encountering land that is extremely slippery (Photo 5). As a short-term measure, WPC may wish to shut the entrance, reopening access when the situation improves. <p>Outstanding items:</p> <p><u>Playground</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decayed tree trunk step from the playhouse needs replacing. • A wooden support bracket needs restoring on the spiral shaped slide. • Plastic cap covering a bolt is missing on the Multi Play equipment. • Non-slip surface is worn in several areas on the Multi Play platforms. Consideration should be given to replacing worn surfaces with new grip should funding be available. <p><u>General</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reinstatement of an emergency access sign on the gate by the village shop. • Reinstatement of missing net stanchions on a football goalframe (nearest the car park). • Charred remains from the firework display await disposal. Fragments include nails and screws (Photo 6). • Memorial bench (Manuela Hodgson) positioned by the playground needs refastening to the ground to improve stability. Bench found overturned after recent storms (Photo 7).

AREA	RECREATION GROUND
TO CHECK	Fencing, Benches/seats, Trees & vegetation, Grass height, Car Park, Litter & Dog waste bins.
INSPECTION DATES	15/1, 22/1, 29/1, 6/2, 12/2
ISSUES TO REPORT	<p>9. Litter picking was conducted.</p> <p>10. Benches were observed in good condition (please see outstanding items below).</p> <p>11. Dog poo bag dispensers were replenished.</p> <p>12. Grass height complies with the mowing specification. Hedges were seen at suitable height and well maintained.</p> <p>13. A horse chestnut tree branch has become detached. Currently surrounding branches are preventing the limb from falling. Branch is small/medium size (Photo 8).</p> <p>Outstanding items:</p> <p>➤ Wooden benches need re-fastening to the ground.</p>

AREA	HIGHWAY'S, PUBLIC FOOTPATHS & DITCHES
TO CHECK	Surfaces, Pedestrian routes, Signage inc. finger post, Bench (Oddy Hill), Drainage, Grit bins, Litter, Bollards, Footpaths/Kissing gates, Notice boards, Defibrillator
DATES	15/1, 22/1, 29/1, 6/2, 12/2
ISSUES TO REPORT	<p>14. The AED was visually checked. The battery display shows a 66% charge. Accessories were in place, including a user guidance card. Service is due next month.</p> <p>15. Weekly litter picks were conducted within the village centre, Vicarage Road, Fox Road, Wigginton Bottom, and the upper Twist to the Ridgeway Path.</p> <p>16. DBC have collected a badger carcass from the verge near Osborne Cottage (Wigginton Bottom). Ref No: 845514.</p> <p>17. As reported last month, soft verge damage continues to occur along Common Field caused by irresponsible motorists.</p> <p>18. A damaged 'Children nearby' sign in Common Field, has quickly been reinstated by HCC. Ref No: 401003938694 (Photo 9)</p> <p>19. Broken 30mph speed restriction sign near the Greyhound PH entrance is awaiting replacement by HCC. Ref No: 401003906479. (Photo 10)</p> <p>Outstanding items (HCC and DBC).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Damaged directional sign – Chesham Road/Vicarage Road junction. HCC ref no: 401003790025. • Blocked drain in Hemp Lane opposite property Kirkdale. Ref No: 401003596160. • Repair to FP9 between Fieldway and Common Field (tree roots are causing a trip hazard). HCC Ref No: 401003730691

PHOTOGRAPHS



