

WIGGINTON PARISH COUNCIL WARDEN UPDATE: DEC 2023/JAN 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	18/12, 23/12, 8/1
ISSUES TO REPORT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Litter picking was conducted. Unexpectedly, litter levels have remained low over the festive period. 2. Turf is currently saturated following prolonged heavy rainfall. Overall, despite some recent growth, the grass remains at a suitable height. 3. The children’s playground was visually inspected. A parent asked if a rubber mat can be installed at the base of the metal slide (in the absence of sufficient bark mulch) to prevent children landing on hard ground (Photo 1). Likewise, comments have been made about the lack of bark mulch. 4. The fitness/gym equipment was found in working order (please see outstanding items listed below). 5. Dog poo bag dispensers were replenished. 6. The memorial bench next to the children’s playground needs to be refastened to the ground (Photo 2). All other outdoor furniture was seen in good order. 7. Tree branches above the village shop have been lopped (Photo 3). 8. The wooded area situated between the playground and former police house is overgrown with numerous trees in poor condition (Photos 4 ,5 and 6). A lot of deadwood is visible. Some thinning out of the woodland would be beneficial, improving appearance, deter rubbish accumulation, and anti-social activity. <p>Outstanding items:</p> <p><u>Gym</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Twist and Step Gym station and cycling machine are missing important user information labels. <p><u>Playground</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replacement of decayed tree trunk step (crooked playhouse). • A missing wooden bracket needs reinstating on the spiral shaped slide. • Protective plastic cap covering a metal bolt is missing on the Multi Play equipment. • Grip surface is worn on the Multi Play platforms and needs replacing. <p><u>General</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An emergency access sign is missing on the gate by the village shop. • Net stanchions are missing on a football goalframe. • Charred debris from the firework display awaits disposal.

AREA	RECREATION GROUND
TO CHECK	Fencing, Benches/seats, Trees & vegetation, Grass height, Car Park, Litter & Dog waste bins.
INSPECTION DATES	18/12, 23/12, 8/1
ISSUES TO REPORT	<p>9. Litter picking was conducted. 10. Benches were observed in good condition. 11. Dog poo bag dispensers were replenished. 12. Grass height is meeting the mowing specification.</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	18/12, 23/12, 8/1
ISSUES TO REPORT	<p>13. The AED was visually checked. The battery display indicates a 66% charge. All accessories, plus a user guidance card were in place. Service due March 2024.</p> <p>14. Weekly litter picks were conducted within the village centre.</p> <p>15. HCC have removed left behind road signs by the Chesham Road/Vicarage Road junction, Wigginton Bottom junction, and Crawley's Lane junction (Ref No: 401003834916 and 401003839601)</p> <p>16. Badger carcass lying on verge near Osborne Cottage has been reported to DBC. Ref No: 845514.</p> <p>17. Regrettably, soft verge damage is again evident along Common Field (Photo 7).</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



