

WIGGINTON PARISH COUNCIL WARDEN UPDATE: OCT/NOV 2023

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	16/10, 23/10, 30/10, 6/11, 11/11
ISSUES TO REPORT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Weekly litter picking was completed. Organisers of the firework display also carried out an after-event litter pick. 2. It is apparent that sizeable stretches of grass have been impacted by the foot traffic during the firework display (Photo 1). Clerk has contacted organisers. 3. WPC may consider it prudent to cordon off the firework site until debris, containing nails, is cleared (Photo 2 & 3). 4. Grass height is meeting the mowing specification. 5. The children's playground was visually checked. No new issues were identified. 6. The fitness/gym equipment was seen in good working order. However, a user information sign is missing on the cycling machine (Photo 4). Clerk has ordered the missing label. 7. Branches above the fitness area have been cut back. 8. Tree shoot growth by the car park entrance has been clipped back by HCC and has restored clear sight lines for pedestrians and motorists. Ref No: 401003781676 (Photos 5 & 6). 9. Dog poo bag dispensers were refilled. 10. No defects were observed on the outdoor furniture. 11. Net stanchions are missing from a football goal. Clerk emailed BR. 12. Two recently revamped entrances (Wick Road) have been commended by many users/visitors (warden asked to pass on thanks to WPC). Both entrances now provide improved access/egress from the facility. Dead branches and unsightly vegetation were removed at the same time (Photos 7 & 8). Moreover, fencing has been installed behind the fitness/gym area (Photo 9). 13. Fly tipping (plastic tabletop) at the entrance nearest Osborne Road. DBC informed. Ref No: 839325 (Photo 10). 14. The triangular section of woodland, sandwiched between the Sport Field and Chesham Road, is dense and overgrown, and the timber fence, in places, needs repair. <p>Outstanding items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A user information label is missing on the Twist and Step Gym station. Missing signs were ordered. ➤ A damaged sign on the emergency gates (by the village shop) needs replacing. Clerk has new signs and will bring them to the meeting. ➤ Part of a wooden step leading from the playhouse is missing due to decay.

AREA	RECREATION GROUND
TO CHECK	Fencing, Benches/seats, Trees & vegetation, Grass height, Car Park, Litter & Dog waste bins.
INSPECTION DATES	16/10, 23/10, 30/10, 6/11, 11/11
ISSUES TO REPORT	

	<p>15. Weekly litter picking was completed. 16. Benches were in place and in sound condition. 17. Dog poo bag dispensers were refilled. 18. Grass height is meeting the mowing specification.</p> <p>Outstanding items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Re-fastening of wooden benches to the ground. ➤ A protruding metal object needs removing (adjacent to the Fieldway entrance). ➤ A wobbly decayed wooden fence post need replacing. A contractor (RML) has scheduled the repair.
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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	16/10, 23/10, 30/10, 6/11, 11/11
ISSUES TO REPORT	<p>19. The AED battery display indicates a 66% charge. A retest is due in March 2024 (Photo 11).</p> <p>20. Weekly litter picks were conducted within the village centre. In addition, WPC led a litter pick on the 5th of November, covering Vicarage Road, Fox Close, Oddy Hill, Wick Road, footpath to Tring Park, Highfield Road,, Mary Cross Close, Chesham Road (out past Champneys), and Wigginton Bottom.</p> <p>21. HCC have successfully resurfaced two areas of uneven pavement in Common Field near St Bartholomew School. Ref No: 401003768142. (Photo 12)</p> <p>22. HCC have repainted the SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR road markings outside the primary school (Photo 13).</p> <p>23. Abandoned diversion road signs left by the Twist/Oddy Hill junction have been reported to HCC. Ref No: 401003787919. These were recovered from undergrowth during the recent WPC litter pick.</p> <p>24. A drain cover reported as a trip hazard has been fixed by Thames Water (pavement by The Firs)</p> <p>25. Wooden finger signpost near the church has been successfully renovated/repainted (Photo 14).</p> <p>26. Damaged directional sign – Chesham Road/Vicarage Road junction. HCC ref no: 401003790025 (Photo 15).</p> <p>Outstanding items (HCC and DBC).</p> <p><u>Blocked Drains and Pedestrian routes (HCC)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Blocked drain opposite No 6, Latimer Cottage, Wigginton Bottom. Ref No: 401002236268. ➤ Blocked drain by the Wick Road/Chesham Road junction (Ref No: 401003246287). ➤ Blocked drain in Chesham Road, facing the Sports Field main entrance (Ref No: 401003246288). ➤ Blocked drain near the village hall was reported to HCC. Ref No: 401003377847. ➤ Blocked drain in Hemp Lane opposite property Kirkdale. Ref No: 401003596160

- Repair to FP No: 9 between Fieldway and Common Field (tree roots are causing a trip hazard). HCC Ref No: 401003730691

HCC have added the above blocked drains to the drain unblocking schedule.

Notes:

- Following a WPC survey, it was found that circa 40% of drains within the Parish are blocked, indicating the existing HCC drain unblocking schedule is unsatisfactory. WPC may wish to make formal representation to HCC as a matter of urgency. Survey report was sent to HHC.

PHOTOGRAPHS



