

Norton Parish Council - Jack's patch play area inspection report

This report will be produced monthly by the NVCA for the NPC, inspections may be conducted more regular dependent upon use of the area, weather conditions, reports received etc. In addition to regular visual inspections and the monthly reports the play area is inspected annually for the NPC by a professional independent organisation.

Date of inspection	10-11-2017
Inspected by	 Tim Kirby

Item to be inspected	Control measure guide	Risk	Action taken or required
Site cleanliness	Remove any rubbish from site, animal fouling.	L	Litter removed
Gate	Condition, hinges, closer, +12mm gaps at side	L	New rope catch required?.
Fencing/Hedges	Condition, panels, posts, no nails/bolts showing, do not climb & rules signs.	L	Fence post between play panels and fence rail by boulders damaged. Action; Monitor, post and rail to be repaired/replaced with other works.
Land retain posts	Condition, secure.	L	
Planting trees and grass	Grass cut, shrubs & trees controlled, limited weeds, even surfaces.	L	
Bark play surface	Even distribution, depth min 200mm, not compacted, limited weeds, no trips.	L	
Multiplay Unit Tower - steps	Condition, loose steps, slip.	L	
Tower - cargo net	Condition, secure, frayed cable, wear to eye bolts, shackles & links.	L	
Tower - climbing wall	Condition, secure, climb blocks tight.	L	
Tower - slide	Condition, secure, bolts, no cracks or obstructions on chute.	L	
Tower – platforms	Condition, secure, guard rails, no splinters.	L	
Tower - roof & posts	Condition, secure, no splinters, no climb sign.	L	
Swings - seats	Condition, secure, correctly fitted.	L	
Swings - frames	Condition, secure, anchored down.	L	
Swings - chains	Condition, secure, suspension shackle & pins wear, chain link wear, particular attention to moving parts.	L	Remove cover from shackle bolt annually & inspect for wear same for chain links. Replace at 30% wear. Last inspected June 2017.
Play panels	Condition, secure, no loose parts.	L	
Boulders	Condition, slips.	L	
Bench & picnic table	Condition, secure, no splinters or faults.	L	Picnic table top 3 planks are rotting this should be repaired or replaced.
Slabbed area	Condition, secure, level.	L	
Steps	Condition, secure, level.	L	
Signs	Ownership, contacts, rules in place.	L	

Additional Comments

Bench Seat has been disposed of. The picnic table could be repaired as top is rotting but frame is still ok for a few more years. I have had a look at recycled plastic benches and picnic tables, they are a little more expensive than good heavy duty wood a 1.8m bench and small picnic table both cost around £300 each. I would suggest that the PC decide what they wish to purchase and then purchase next spring? or repair picnic table bench top.

The surrounding trees and bushes are now becoming too large and will probably need cutting back or removing next year, also repairs to the perimeter fence. Can a budget be set aside to carry out this work?

Note; e mail to admin@nortonvillage.org before monthly NPC meeting (third Tuesday)