

Annual RoSPA Reports for Play Areas: Risks and Recommendations

October 2023

Play Area: Chestnut Drive

Issue	Risk Level Low/Medium/High	Recommendations	Action
Gate sticking on the ground	Low	Adjust	Handyman to repair
Path side gate latch not working	Low	Repair	Handyman to repair

Play Area: Jubilee Field

Issue	Risk Level Low/Medium/High	Recommendations	Action
Metal picnic bench – Gaps between the slats exceed 30 mm and are known to cause entrapment	Low	No reasonably practicable action identified	No Further Action
Timber agility trail – bolts loose	Low	Tighten	Handyman to tighten
Basketball Post - a warning notice should be fitted to all sports related equipment with the words "do not climb on the framework or nets", "do not hang on the ring" (if provided) and "do not wear rings or other jewellery as these can get caught and cause injury"	Low	Fit warning notice	Raised every year. No Further Action.

Flush Carousel – the flush carousel has gaps exceeding the permitted 8mm	Medium	Modify to meet standards – refer to manufacturer	Installed Sept 2020, 2-year guarantee, now out. Not raised in previous reports. Cllr Grantham confirms that gap has been there since fitted. Emailed Mike Watts to advise. No Further Action at this time – Monitor
Overhead Monkey Pegs Climber - RoSPA is concerned by accidents on some types of overhead ladders and rings. However, there is a strong development value in these items	Low	The protective surface under all bars and rings must be kept in good condition	Monitor - Monthly MDDC inspections and weekly Litter Picker inspections
Goal Posts – Senior x 2 – paintwork in poor condition	Low	De-scale back to good base material and coat with lead free paint, using appropriate precautions. Repairs may be necessary where corrosion is severe	Obtain quote from handyman
Goal Posts – Senior x 2 – worn ground areas	Low	Make good	Liaise with handyman re possible options – fill in grass and grass lock matting?
Rocker Seesaw – Tyre stoppers damaged with metal wire exposed	Medium	Replace	Handyman has already been asked to re-glue as a repair
Skatepark, Quarter Pipe – Delamination of wood, fixtures loose or missing, platform banks should have a minimum depth of 1200 mm	Medium/ Low for platform banks	Replace, tighten or replace fixtures, no reasonably practicable action is identified for the platform banks	Part of project to replace skatepark with a concrete mini-ramp - planning approved. Contractor appointment, S106 funding application submitted. Likely timescale Spring 2024. Monitor in the meantime through monthly and weekly inspections

Skatepark, Skate Table – fixtures loose or missing and signage detached	Low	Tighten/Replace	As above
Slide – cap missing on underside platform	Very Low	Replace	Handyman to replace
Junior Swings, 1 bay 2 seat – bolts loose/missing on top bar	Medium	Tighten/Replace	Handyman to tighten/replace
Toddler Swings, 1 bay 2 seat – Some chain wear	Low	Monitor for further deterioration and replace before 40% wear	Monitor - monthly MDDC inspections and weekly Litter Picker inspections
Toddler Swings, 1 bay 2 seat – Bolts loose, swing shackle on suspension closest to fence.	Medium	Inspector has tightened bolt - Monitor	Swing became detached 20/10, handyman tightened/repared 21/10. Monitor - Monthly MDDC inspections and weekly Litter Picker inspections

Play Area: Mallow Court

Issue	Risk Level Low/Medium/High	Recommendations	Action
Roadside gate locked	Very Low	No action required	No Further Action
Shrinkage/separation of surface where it adjoins the grass, which may give a trip hazard	Very Low	Re-glue and fill gaps and joints as necessary	Monitor - Monthly MDDC inspections and weekly Litter Picker inspections

Play Area: Orchard Way

Issue	Risk Level Low/Medium/High	Recommendations	Action
Gate closing mechanism doesn't work correctly – too rapid	Low	Adjust to allow gate to self-close, ideally gate should not close in less than 5 seconds	Handyman to repair
Rear gate closure too rapid and unable to latch gate	Low	Adjust to allow gate to self-close, ideally gate should not close in less than 5 seconds & repair latch	Handyman to repair
Rear gate – trip points caused by tree roots	Medium	Make level	Handyman to level
Agility Ladder – RoSPA is concerned by accidents on some types of overhead ladders and rings, however there is a strong development value in these items	Low	The protective surface under all bars and rings must be kept in good condition	Monitor - Monthly MDDC inspections and weekly Litter Picker inspections
Agility Ladder – surface is cracking	Low	Repair	Ask handyman if he can sand and paint
Agility Ladder – potential for head entrapment	Low	No reasonably practicable action is identified	No Further Action
Goal Post - Paintwork in poor condition	Low	De-scale back to good base material and coat with lead free paint, using appropriate precautions. Repairs may be necessary where corrosion is severe	Obtain quote from handyman

Play Area: South View

Issue	Risk Level Low/Medium/High	Recommendations	Action
Fencing, post next to swings is loose in ground	Very Low	Monitor	Monitor - monthly MDDC inspections and weekly Litter Picker inspections
Turtle Rocker – equipment dirty/algae covered	Low	Clean off	Handyman to clean off

Play Area: Worcester Crescent

Issue	Low/Medium/High	Recommendations	Action
Multiplay – the unit does not meet the requirements of the standard: entrapment potential and no side bar	Low	No reasonable action is identified	No Further Action