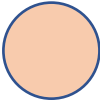




## Update on Estates Issues

This report sets out progress on a number of estates issues raised by the committee or reported to the clerk. Progress against the work plan agreed at the February meeting (Min. 23.02.8.1, Report WPC.EC.23.02.01 refers) is summarised below:

### Current Financial Year

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|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cemetery Notice Board – further work to be done on cemetery records before mapping can be completed – old parish notice board to be re-furbished and fitted in porch to Chapel of Rest in preparation.<br/>(brought forward from previous financial year)</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                           |
|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increasing accessibility to grave space records for Councillors – work to the plan is ongoing – researching impacts of GDPR on how reserved plots are recorded and made accessible to Cllrs (brought forward from previous financial year).</li><li>• Fencing to hedge adjacent to cemetery – Suffolk County Council have agreed funding for hedging plants and Estate's Committee has authorised cost of Chestnut Paling fence.</li><li>• Taking on Memorial Clock as an asset – solicitor instructed</li><li>• Replacement of six white posts at Tennis Courts – costs authorised and scheduled autumn.</li></ul> | April<br>Min Ref 23.02.13<br>July<br>July |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Re-painting of BT Call box</li><li>• Memorial Testing and actions arising from this</li><li>• Drainage of Pond at Coltsfoot Green</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | May<br>July<br>August                     |

### 1. SCC Highways Functions

Following advice from Suffolk County Council's Community Liaison Officer the clerk has been following up on a number of issues:

- Work to the drain on the road from Meeting Green to Boyden Green has now been completed by Suffolk County Council and no further problems have been reported.
- SCC Highways will approve grit bins to the old existing grit dump sites (previously the clerk had been advised that the bins would be provided, but now advised that it is the responsibility of the parish council to purchase)– the clerk has identified the old dump sites from records, and will be requesting grit bins to these sites through the Community Liaison Officer.
- There was a grit bin at Nunnery Green (exact location to be identified) and the clerk is awaiting advice from the Liaison officer to establish exact location and whether or not formal approval is required to replace the bin (this may have been a Havebury Housing grit bin).
- SCC have confirmed that there is sufficient space for a three bay bus shelter on Cemetery Road, which has now been ordered – there is a considerable lead time on this but they are hoping to have it installed before winter weather sets in.

### 2. Maintenance in Cemetery

Although the hedge re-instated by Suffolk County Council has shown some signs of establishing, there has been some damage due to pedestrians tracking across from the footpath into the cemetery. At the March cemetery work-day old leaf litter was cleared and many of the whips were showing signs of re-growth. In April, existing small saplings which had naturally seeded were transplanted into the hedge line.

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The clerk has also escalated the issue of the replacement hedge through our County Councillor, Bobby Bennett, and SCC Highways have now confirmed that they will fund replacement plants for the hedge line.

The installation of a fence to prevent this and further protect the saplings was authorised by Estates Committee at its July meeting (Min Ref EC.23.07.8.1). This will be scheduled once the replacement hedge has been planted. SCC have been chased twice to establish any outstanding funding from the S.106 which could contribute towards this, but this seems unlikely as we are now making progress on replacement saplings, and installation of small bus shelter has been approved by SCC and is scheduled for autumn '23.

The lifting of crowns and reduction in height of some cyprus in the old cemetery last year has resulted in more light towards the Chapel of Rest and a profusion of wild flowers. Acacia Tree Surgery carried out their interim check on 27<sup>th</sup> June and provided advice to the clerk (attached as **Appendix A**) as to how some of the evergreen trees might be shaped to increase light. They have advised that this work should be completed in summer, and for that reason the proposal will be added to the draft plan for the next financial year.

A full evaluation of memorials over 2' high by Abbey Memorials (**Min. 23.04.09** refers) was completed and the clerk is in the process of researching deed holders and contacting them.

### **3. Chapel of Rest**

Following work to the Drive at Chapel of Rest in 2021, some worn areas of macadam, particularly outside the Chapel of Rest, have been identified which will require remedial work in the longer term.



Additionally, there is a crack to the outer door lintel which may require work, and it should be investigated as to whether this is being caused by roots from nearby trees. This may affect how the trees immediately adjacent to the Chapel of Rest are managed. Advice from Suffolk Tree Surgery and Landscape, who undertake the work to parish trees, is attached as **Appendix B**.

### **4. Play Equipment**

Annual Inspection Reports have been received from West Suffolk (**Appendix C**). There are no items over Low Risk rating which require addressing (or have not already been addressed) and a full report setting out items addressed and any outstanding work required will be submitted to the next meeting. There is an existing authority for spending up to specified limits (**Min. EC.23.02.09** refers) and where possible works will be commissioned in the interim in accordance with this in the interim.

The clerk needs assistance to undertake a spring clean of the Chapel of Rest – volunteers invited!!

The path to the Chapel of Rest is deteriorating again and quotes for approaches to rectify this have been sought in preparation for the next draft budget.

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Mrs Hilary Workman  
Wickhambrook Parish Council

3 July 2023

parishclerk@wickhambrook.org

Dear Hilary

### Chapel of Rest, Cemetery

Thank you for your enquiry regarding tree work at the above location and further to your meeting with Cliff of 27 June, we have pleasure in submitting our quotation for the work discussed.

Ref	Species and work requirements	Cost
1.	<b>Yew</b> ~ reduce height by 50% and shorten laterals to rebalance; raise crown to 2.5ms all round including epicormic growths;	£ 575.00
2.	<b>Yew</b> ~ raise crown to 2.5ms all round;	£ 150.00
3.	<b>5 Lawson Cypress (T45, T46, T43 and T41)</b> ~ top and fell as close to ground level as possible; pls note that an electric shutdown would be required due to proximity of crowns to overhead power lines ~ we would arrange this on your behalf;	£2,000.00
4.	<b>2 Yews</b> ~ pollard at 2ms;	£ 600.00

We taking care to avoid any damage to adjacent grounds, graves and headstones and church property, clearing all arisings to leave the site in a safe, clean and tidy condition.

The above costs are quoted exclusive of but are subject to VAT at 20%.

Please refer to our remaining terms and conditions stated overleaf and if you have any further query, please do not hesitate to contact us. Meanwhile, assuring you of our best attention.

Yours sincerely

*Karen*

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**Sent:** 10 November 2022 09:07

**To:** Hilary Workman <[parishclerk@wickhambrook.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@wickhambrook.org.uk)>

**Subject:** Re: report on chapel of rest

Hello Hilary,

I have been looking into the possible subsidence at the Chapel of rest in Wickhambrook as due to the trees being so close to the property it is obvious to take caution. A few things to perhaps take note in would be:

- The type of soil "Clay" being the most problematic due to more aggressive soil movement, particularly in dry summers/droughts (That particular part of Wickhambrook appears to be in a Lime-rich loamy and clayey soil with impeded drainage).
- How close the trees are to the building, the closer the tree the more risk of potential subsidence damage may be.
- The age of the property, most properties built prior to 1950 which are often shallower and more vulnerable to erosion and subsidence.

Tree reduction can reduce the amplitude of movement, so could be considered as a way to manage the problem. **To be effective, pruning needs to reduce the crown volume of the tree by at least 70 percent, and be repeated on a regular basis such as every three years.** Crown thinning (as opposed to crown reduction) has been found to be ineffective at reducing transpiration rates. It should also be noted that in cases of permanent deficit (i.e. London clay soils where low permeability leads to deeper permanent drying), **felling the tree poses a risk of progressive heave.** If there is a risk of significant heave, the only effective solution may be to have the property underpinned.

This is all sourced information from <https://www.rhs.org.uk/plants/types/trees/near-buildings> and <https://www.landis.org.uk/soilscapes/>

It looks like the possible options are to underpin the property and/or a crown reduction of 70% every 3 years over perhaps 6 years. A crown reduction, to begin with, would also make the area feel far more open and give you a more desired outcome, although the Yew tree to the left facing the property would cope much better with a reduction and repeated ones than the Lawsons Cypress due to its ability to sprout new shoots.

Perhaps if a decision were to be made to have them removed it would be best to get written advice from a Structural engineer and maybe an Arborist.

I hope this helps,

All the best,

Adam

1) The **crown** is usually at the base of herbaceous plants, often identified by buds at ground level, usually where the roots and stems join at soil level. See plants such as rhubarb, chrysanthemum or Hylotelephium (sedum). 2) A crown can refer to the branches on a tree located at the top of a trunk, for example the canopy of an oak.

Pulling out some of the seedlings, usually along a row, so the remaining seedlings are spaced further apart. It reduces overcrowded, which can hinder their growth



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## Annual Inspection

West Suffolk Parks

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## Inspection Scope for RPII Inspection Methodology

This document outlines the RPII scope for inspections undertaken by the Inspectors listed as Annual Inspectors on the RPII Register of Inspectors when undertaking Indoor Annual, Outdoor Annual, Outdoor Operational and Outdoor Routine inspections.

Inspections are undertaken with reference to the standards listed in this preamble only; where no date for the standard is given it will be the standard that is current at the time of inspection except where overlap periods are granted by the standards committee when standards are updated. The information contained in reports is provided to assist the owner/operator in fulfilling their responsibilities as detailed in the relevant standard. Other standards referenced within the listed standards do not form part of the inspection, unless they are also explicitly listed here.

The following standards are relevant to all installations of equipment that are publicly accessible to users; this includes public parks, pay and play parks, schools, nurseries, public houses, holiday parks, indoor play centres, farm parks etc. All equipment used or employed in publicly accessible areas should meet with the requirements of the relevant standards (listed below):

BS EN 1176 Parts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 & 11 Playground equipment intended for permanent installation outdoors & indoors.

BS EN 1176 Part 7 - 'Guidance on Installation, Inspection, Maintenance and Operation' (this document gives guidance to the owners/operators of the facility on the installation, inspection, maintenance and operation of playground equipment, excluding ancillary items).

In the United Kingdom the National Foreword forms an important part to the understanding and implementation of the recommendations set out in this document. It clarifies the application of the document within the UK as best practice guidance, as the document has been used since its initial publication. Therefore, in the UK this standard (BS EN 1176 – Part 7) contains no requirements and needs to be read and implemented as guidance, with the use of the term 'shall' therefore becoming a recommendation, as in the term 'should'.

Domestic play equipment falls outside of the scope of BS EN 1176 and has its own standards (BS EN 71 series – Safety of Toys). Where domestic equipment can be identified this will be acknowledged in the report but any comments concerning compliance will follow the requirements and recommendations of BS EN 1176.

When water play items, including spray parks, are inspected any comments concerning compliance within the inspection will refer to BS EN 1176. We have not assessed these against the requirements of BS EN 17232 (Water play equipment and features).

Other equipment that is not clearly identified as unsupervised or domestic (natural play, self-build equipment etc.) will be assessed for compliance with the relevant standard listed below:

- BS EN 15312** Free access multi-sports equipment
- BS EN 14974** Skateparks
- BS EN 16630** Permanently installed outdoor fitness equipment
- BS EN 16899** Parkour equipment (plus RPII/API guidance notes)

Annual and Post Installation inspections will take into consideration compliance with these current standards, and defects related to wear and vandalism. Items not listed in the report have not been included in the inspection. The inspection will cover the playground equipment and the active area (that area which is obviously part of the playground), nominally up to three metres around, the fence line if closer, or other areas as agreed.

Operational inspections only take into consideration defects related to cleanliness, equipment ground clearances, ground surface finishes, exposed foundations, sharp edges, missing parts, excessive wear (of moving parts) structural integrity, wear and vandalism.

Routine visual inspections relate only to the most obvious defects such as broken or missing parts, litter, vandalism and issues created by severe weather conditions (the intention is to identify hazards created by storm damage).

All inspections are non-dismantling, non-destructive and do not include any structural, toxicology or impact assessments defined in the standard; however, the inspector will undertake a manual test for stability and if equipment fails under manual load, or any other hazard is identified as an unacceptable risk, the owner/operator will be notified as soon as practicably possible.

The inspector will access all reasonably accessible equipment and will assess all reasonably accessible parts above the standing surface. Where it is not possible to access parts of the equipment without employing an alternative means of access the report will record the action required by the owner/operator to ensure the continued safe use of the equipment.

Ancillary equipment will be assessed using the inspector's knowledge and experience of the standards named in this document. (Note: Ancillary items are not included in the specific equipment-type parts of the EN 1176 series; hence they are not assessed for compliance with EN 1176 series and are subject to a general safety assessment).

The owner/operator is responsible for the overall safety of the equipment and area.

The inspector will not undertake any of the following works unless specifically agreed in writing at the time of order:

Checking the depth and underlying structural integrity of any surface areas and/or carrying out any testing of the impact attenuating properties of any surfaces; the identification of any corrosion, rot or other deterioration in any apparatus or equipment other than by an external inspection; the inspection of any equipment (or part thereof) that is beneath the playing surface (loose-fill materials may be moved to expose foundations); tightening any bolts, hinges or other fixing devices on any apparatus or equipment; assessing or inspecting any electrical installations contained on any site and/or apparatus and/or equipment; assessing or inspecting any water supplies and/or water features and/or any associated computerised systems (including carrying out any programming); where planting or trees are mentioned in the report no assessments of toxicity, suitability or condition are undertaken – the owner/operator should have suitable inspections provided by a competent person.

The owner/operator should have a 'design risk assessment' provided by the manufacturer/designer of the area for the equipment and location in which the facility is installed.

The operator is responsible for managing risks of their provision and is required by law to carry out a 'suitable and sufficient assessment' of the risks associated with a site or activity. This inspection shall be considered as contributing to the operator's discharge of this responsibility.

The details contained within the report are a snapshot of the condition at the time of inspection only and subsequent events may affect the condition of the facility. Suggested remedial actions are based on the knowledge and experience of the inspector and/or that of the inspection company. The owner/operator should always seek the advice of the manufacturer or a competent person when undertaking repairs and/or modifications to equipment.

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The operator is responsible for following the guidance of the relevant standards. The standards give guidance on the installation, inspection, maintenance and operation of the various types of facilities. The inspection guidance is listed in Table 1, with an indication of which parts will be included in an RPII Annual or Post-Installation Inspection. The relevant standards also contain additional parts which the operator should follow.

Inspection recommendations of relevant standards Refer to relevant standards for full text	Annual Main	RPII Annual/ Post Installation Inspection
6.1 d) Overall levels of safety of equipment (see note 1)	✓	✓ [1]
6.1 d) Overall levels of safety of foundations (see note 1)	✓	✓ [1]
6.1 d) Overall levels of safety of playing surfaces (see note 2)	✓	✓ [2]
6.1 d) Compliance with the relevant parts of the standard and or risk assessment (see note 3)	✓	✓ [3]
6.1 d) Effects of weather	✓	✓
6.1 d) Presence of rot, decay or corrosion (see note 1)	✓	✓ [1]
6.1 d) Assessment of repairs made or added or replaced components (see note 4)	✓	✓ [4]
6.1 d) Excavation or dismantling/additional measures	✓	✗
6.2.1 Assessment of glass reinforced plastics (see note 5)	✓	✓ [5]
6.2.1 Inspection of one post equipment (see note 1)	✓	✓ [1]
6.2.4 Undertaking the Operators inspection protocol	✓	✗

NB: The clause numbers in table 1 are taken from BS EN 1176 - Part 7:2020. The content is equally applicable to all other relevant standards listed herein. Playgrounds contain a range of equipment from different manufacturers and installed over a number of years; operators should implement any guidance provided by the manufacturer. Item specific detail is not readily available to RPII Playground Inspectors, whose report contributes to the operator's overall Annual Main Inspection as detailed in the relevant standards.

[1] A manual test only is undertaken for stability. Wear and instability are only detectable where readily apparent without dismantling or destruction and without the use of tools, excavation or specialist equipment. Rot and corrosion are tested or with a hammer and/or steel rod. Decay in timber may exist which can only be found with specialist equipment.

[2] Only the visible condition and dimensional compliance of surface extent is considered. Neither testing of impact attenuating properties nor measurement of the thickness of bound surfaces are undertaken on RPII annual inspections.

[3] The inspection assesses compliance where this can be tested on site using manual methods without dismantling, destruction and without the use of tools or specialist equipment.

[4] The operator should use manufacturer's recommended parts, or equivalent. We are unable to verify if such parts have been used, and any subsequent change in quality or performance.

[5] Visible glass fibres will be noted in reports. The operator is responsible for repairs or replacement.

# Risk Assessment Matrix

			Scores in the report are multiplication factors of Likelihood x Severity					
			Severity>>					
<b>Likelihood</b>	Very High probability, if the situation is not addressed an accident is almost certain.	5	Very High	VL (5)	L (10)	M (15)	H (20)	VH (25)
	High probability an accident is probable without any added factor.	4	High	VL (4)	L (8)	M (12)	H (16)	H (20)
	Moderate probability an incident is foreseeable.	3	Moderate	VL (3)	L (6)	L (9)	M (12)	M (15)
	Some probability, requires a combination of factors to take place.	2	Low	VL (2)	VL (4)	L (6)	L (8)	L (10)
	No significant probability; lightning strike, freak accident.	1	Very Low	VL (1)	VL (2)	VL (3)	VL (4)	VL (5)
			Very Low	Low	Moderate	High	Very High	
			1	2	3	4	5	
			No injury likely e.g. damaged or soiled clothing, minor bruising, grazes	Minor injury, laceration or bruising requiring first aid only	Injury requiring medical intervention e.g. cuts requiring stitches	Serious injury including concussions or fracture of long bones	Severe injury involving a potential life changing injury or fatality	
			<b>Severity&gt;&gt;</b>					
<p>Note 1: The total risk scores included within our reports are a multiplication factor of the calculated Likelihood and Severity of each finding. Both Likelihood and Severity are given a number between 1 - 5 as shown on the matrix above and these two numbers are then multiplied together to give the total risk score that is shown against defects on the report. Total risk scores can be divided in both directions, i.e. a total risk score of 12 could be a Likelihood (3) x Severity (4) or Likelihood (4) x Severity (3).</p> <p>Note 2: When we inspect we only see a snapshot of the current condition of the equipment. It is the operators responsibility to ensure that there is a continuing level of maintenance to keep the equipment in good working order and the site fit for use.</p>								

**Equipment has been assessed to the following standards where relevant:**

- BS EN 1176 Parts 1-11 (Playground equipment and surfacing)
- BS EN 14974 (Facilities for users of roller sports equipment)
- BS EN 15312 (Free access multi-sports equipment)
- BS EN 16899 (Parkour Equipment)
- BS EN 16630 (Outdoor Fitness Equipment).





## Wickhambrook. Bury Road

Inspection Ref: 2129583

Site Ref: 33809

Inspected: 25-July-2023 - 10:35 by Liam Last

Risk Assessment: 8 Low Risk



**Location:**

The site is located in an area of public open space and is overlooked by a number of properties in the local community.

**Disabled Access:**

Some accessible features; an area that presents difficulties to the majority of people with disabilities but in favourable circumstances and certainly in partnership can be accessed.

**i** 4 - Very Low Risk

**Item:** Site General  
**Manufacturer:** Owner/Operator  
**Surface Type:** N/A  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A



**Total Findings:** 1

**Finding 1**

This item is satisfactory - no work required -

**i** 5 - Very Low Risk

**Item:** Sign  
**Manufacturer:** Owner/Operator  
**Surface Type:** N/A  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A



**Total Findings:** 1

**Finding 1**

It is recommended that signage, with information including the site address, contact information for maintenance issues and emergency contact details are provided for the facility - Provide in accordance with the recommendations



**i** 8 - Low Risk

**Item:** Gate - Self Closing  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** Grass  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A



**Total Findings:** 1

**Finding 1**

The gate is closing too quickly (less than 4 seconds) - Take corrective action to ensure that the gate closes in 4-8 seconds

**i** 6 - Low Risk

**Item:** Fence - Chainlink  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** Grass  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A



**Total Findings:** 1

**Finding 1**

There is some damage to the fence sections - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required



**i** 4 - Very Low Risk

**Item:** Bench  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** Grass  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A



**Total Findings:** 1

**Finding 1**

This item is satisfactory - no work required -

**i** 4 - Very Low Risk

**Item:** Litter Bin  
**Manufacturer:** Wybone  
**Surface Type:** Grass  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A



**Total Findings:** 1

**Finding 1**

This item is satisfactory - no work required -

**i** 6 - Low Risk

**Item:** 1 Bay Mixed Seat, 1 Cradle, 1 Flat  
**Manufacturer:** Playdale Playgrounds Ltd  
**Surface Type:** Grass Matrix Tiles  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** Yes  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes



**Total Findings:** 5

**Finding 1**

There is some strimmer / machinery damage apparent on the posts, this can penetrate the preservative applied to the timber and accelerate the rotting process - Monitor for any deterioration (rot) and replace as required

**Finding 2**

There is some wear to the shackles - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace when 40% worn

**Finding 3**

There is some notable evidence of chain wear - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace when 40% worn

**Finding 4**

The seat has minor damage or wear - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

**Finding 5**

The bushes are showing signs of wear - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

**i** 6 - Low Risk

**Item:** Spring See-Saw  
**Manufacturer:** Ledon  
**Surface Type:** Grass Matrix Tiles  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** Yes  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes



**Total Findings:** 1

**Finding 1**

There is algae or moss on the surface of the equipment - Clean and treat appropriately



**i 6 - Low Risk**

**Item:** Jeep  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** Grass  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** Yes  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes



**Total Findings:** 2

**Finding 1**

There is algae or moss on the surface of the equipment - Clean and treat appropriately

**Finding 2**

There is some damage to the item - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

**i 8 - Low Risk**

**Item:** Multi Play (Junior)  
**Manufacturer:** Playforce  
**Surface Type:** Grass Matrix Tiles  
**Item Part Number:** Jungle tops  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** No  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes



**Total Findings:** 5

**Finding 1**

The timber has a number of splits/shakes or air cracks and this may affect the stability or allow water ingress which will accelerate the rotting process - Monitor to ensure the splits do not cross through fixing points of the structure and/or cause any instability

**Finding 2**

The ropes/nets are worn/damaged in places - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair or replace as required

**Finding 3**

There is/are finger entrapment/s in the climbing wall and the item fails to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1 4.2.7.6 Entrapment of fingers - Monitor - No remedial work recommended

**Finding 4**

There is algae or moss on the surface of the equipment - Clean and treat appropriately

**Finding 5**

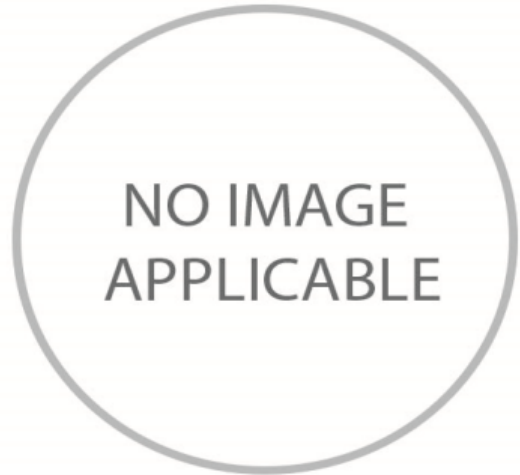
There are a number of redundant staples attached to the equipment - Remove redundant staples

## Findings information

### 5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Sign  
**Manufacturer:** Owner/Operator

**Risk Level:** V - Very Low Risk  
**Surface:** N/A



**Finding:** It is recommended that signage, with information including the site address, contact information for maintenance issues and emergency contact details are provided for the facility

**Action:** Provide in accordance with the recommendations

### 8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Gates - Gate - Self Closing  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** The gate is closing too quickly (less than 4 seconds)

**Action:** Take corrective action to ensure that the gate closes in 4-8 seconds



**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Fences - Fence - Chainlink  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** There is some damage to the fence sections

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Swings - 1 Bay Mixed Seat, 1 Cradle, 1 Flat  
**Manufacturer:** Playdale Playgrounds Ltd

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** There is some strimmer / machinery damage apparent on the posts, this can penetrate the preservative applied to the timber and accelerate the rotting process

**Action:** Monitor for any deterioration (rot) and replace as required



**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Swings - 1 Bay Mixed Seat, 1 Cradle, 1 Flat  
**Manufacturer:** Playdale Playgrounds Ltd

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



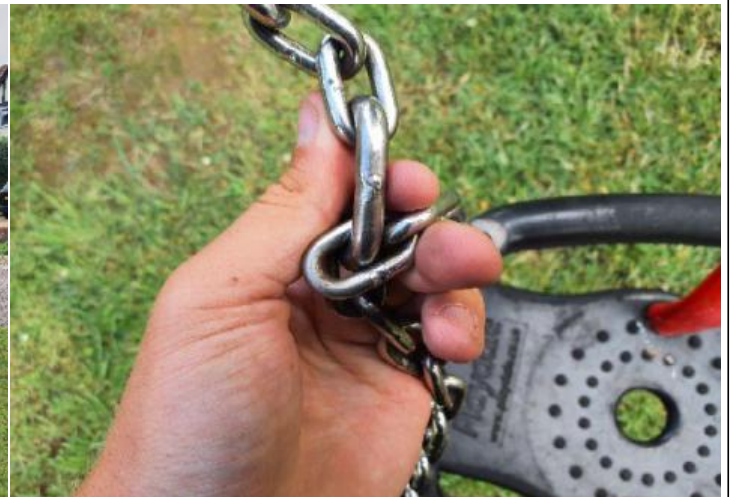
**Finding:** There is some wear to the shackles

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and replace when 40% worn

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

**Item:** Swings - 1 Bay Mixed Seat, 1 Cradle, 1 Flat  
**Manufacturer:** Playdale Playgrounds Ltd

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** There is some notable evidence of chain wear

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and replace when 40% worn



**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 4)

**Item:** Swings - 1 Bay Mixed Seat, 1 Cradle, 1 Flat  
**Manufacturer:** Playdale Playgrounds Ltd

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



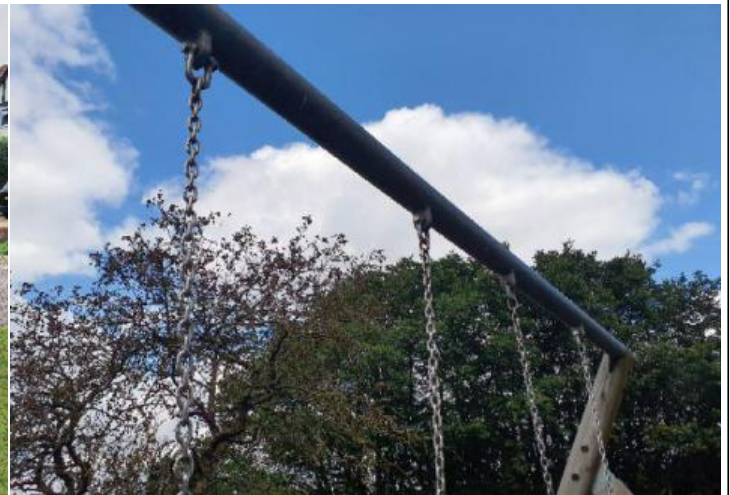
**Finding:** The seat has minor damage or wear

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

**i** 4 - Very Low Risk (Finding 5)

**Item:** Swings - 1 Bay Mixed Seat, 1 Cradle, 1 Flat  
**Manufacturer:** Playdale Playgrounds Ltd

**Risk Level:** V - Very Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** The bushes are showing signs of wear

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required



**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Rocking Equipment - Spring See-Saw  
**Manufacturer:** Ledon

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** There is algae or moss on the surface of the equipment

**Action:** Clean and treat appropriately

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Other - Jeep  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** There is algae or moss on the surface of the equipment

**Action:** Clean and treat appropriately



**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Other - Jeep  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** There is some damage to the item

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)  
**Manufacturer:** Playforce

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** The timber has a number of splits/shakes or air cracks and this may affect the stability or allow water ingress which will accelerate the rotting process

**Action:** Monitor to ensure the splits do not cross through fixing points of the structure and/or cause any instability



**6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)**

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)  
**Manufacturer:** Playforce

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** The ropes/nets are worn/damaged in places

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and repair or replace as required

**5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 3)**

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)  
**Manufacturer:** Playforce

**Risk Level:** V - Very Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** There is/are finger entrapment/s in the climbing wall and the item fails to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1 4.2.7.6 Entrapment of fingers

**Action:** Monitor - No remedial work recommended



**i** 8 - Low Risk (Finding 4)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)  
**Manufacturer:** Playforce

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** There is algae or moss on the surface of the equipment

**Action:** Clean and treat appropriately

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 5)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)  
**Manufacturer:** Playforce

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** There are a number of redundant staples attached to the equipment

**Action:** Remove redundant staples



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The owner/operator is responsible for the overall safety of the equipment and area.

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6.1 d) Compliance with the relevant parts of the standard and or risk assessment (see note 3)	✓	✓ [3]
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6.2.4 Undertaking the Operators inspection protocol	✓	✗

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			Very Low	Low	Moderate	High	Very High	
			1	2	3	4	5	
			No injury likely e.g. damaged or soiled clothing, minor bruising, grazes	Minor injury, laceration or bruising requiring first aid only	Injury requiring medical intervention e.g. cuts requiring stitches	Serious injury including concussions or fracture of long bones	Severe injury involving a potential life changing injury or fatality	
			<b>Severity&gt;&gt;</b>					
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**Equipment has been assessed to the following standards where relevant:**

- BS EN 1176 Parts 1-11 (Playground equipment and surfacing)
- BS EN 14974 (Facilities for users of roller sports equipment)
- BS EN 15312 (Free access multi-sports equipment)
- BS EN 16899 (Parkour Equipment)
- BS EN 16630 (Outdoor Fitness Equipment).



# Wickhambrook Pocket Park 1

Inspection Ref: 2129581

Site Ref: 5346

Inspected: 25-July-2023 - 10:00 by Liam Last

Risk Assessment: 9 Low Risk



**Location:**

The site is located in an area of public open space and is not directly overlooked by any properties in the local community.

**Disabled Access:**

Some accessible features; an area that presents difficulties to the majority of people with disabilities but in favourable circumstances and certainly in partnership can be accessed.





**i** 8 - Low Risk

**Item:** Site General  
**Manufacturer:** Owner/Operator  
**Surface Type:** N/A  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A

**Total Findings:** 2



**Finding 1**

There is moderate damage to the surface - Repair the damaged areas of surfacing

**Finding 2**

The concrete is breaking up around the edges of the surface - Repair the damaged concrete

**i** 4 - Very Low Risk

**Item:** Fence - Bow Top  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** Bitmac  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A

**Total Findings:** 1



**Finding 1**

This item is satisfactory - no work required -

**i** 9 - Low Risk

**Item:** Litter Bin  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** N/A  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A



**Total Findings:** 1

**Finding 1**

The bin is severely damaged - Replace bin

**i** 5 - Very Low Risk

**Item:** Ball Games Area  
**Manufacturer:** Sovereign Leisure  
**Surface Type:** Tarmac  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** Yes  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A



**Total Findings:** 1

**Finding 1**

A clearly visible facility sign should be provided in a prominent position with the wording as detailed BS EN 15312- the equipment is not intended for children less than 3 years old- the warning - Do not climb on the framework or nets- the warning - Do not hang on the ring (if provided)- the warning - Do not wear rings or other jewellery- name and telephone number of the administrator- number to call in case of accident - Provide signage to BS EN 15312



## Findings information

### 8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Site General  
**Manufacturer:** Owner/Operator

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** N/A



**Finding:** There is moderate damage to the surface

**Action:** Repair the damaged areas of surfacing

### 8 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Site General  
**Manufacturer:** Owner/Operator

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** N/A



**Finding:** The concrete is breaking up around the edges of the surface

**Action:** Repair the damaged concrete



**i** 9 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Litter Bin  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** N/A



**Finding:** The bin is severely damaged

**Action:** Replace bin

**i** 5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Multi Use Games Area - Ball Games Area  
**Manufacturer:** Sovereign Leisure

**Risk Level:** V - Very Low Risk  
**Surface:** Tarmac



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**Action:** Provide signage to BS EN 15312



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# Wickhambrook Skate Park

Inspection Ref: 2129582

Site Ref: 5343

Inspected: 25-July-2023 - 10:08 by Liam Last

Risk Assessment: 8 Low Risk



**Location:**

The site is located in an area of public open space and is not directly overlooked by any properties in the local community.

**Disabled Access:**

Some accessible features; an area that presents difficulties to the majority of people with disabilities but in favourable circumstances and certainly in partnership can be accessed.

**i** 8 - Low Risk

**Item:** Site General  
**Manufacturer:** Owner/Operator  
**Surface Type:** N/A  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A

**Total Findings:** 4



**Finding 1**

Signage of the wheeled sports area should be provided as recommended in BS EN 14974; this will include, but not exclusively, the use of the area, a recommendation to wear protective equipment, emergency contact details etc. - Provide signage as recommended by BS EN 14974 for wheeled sports areas

**Finding 2**

There is weed / vegetation growth on, between, or around the edges of the surfacing - Remove weed / vegetation growth

**Finding 3**

There is root damage to the surfacing creating unforeseen changes in levels - Repair the damaged areas of tarmac to provide a uniform surface

**Finding 4**

There is some damage apparent to the riding surface - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

**i** 4 - Very Low Risk

**Item:** Litter Bin  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** Bitmac  
**Item Part Number:**  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A  
**Total Findings:** 1



**Finding 1**

This item is satisfactory - no work required -

**i** 6 - Low Risk

**Item:** Fence - Bow Top  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** Bitmac  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A



**Total Findings:** 2

**Finding 1**

There is some damage to the fence sections - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

**Finding 2**

The adjacent foliage is overhanging - Cut back and maintain

**i** 6 - Low Risk

**Item:** Shelter  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** Tarmac  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A



**Total Findings:** 3

**Finding 1**

There is some evidence of fire damage to the item - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

**Finding 2**

Pop rivet fixings have failed on the seat - Replace the failed pop rivets

**Finding 3**

There is surface corrosion / rust present on the item - Consider treating the item





**i** 6 - Low Risk

**Item:** Grind Rail  
**Manufacturer:** Eibe Play Ltd  
**Surface Type:** Tarmac  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** Yes  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes



**Total Findings:** 1

**Finding 1**

There is surface corrosion / rust present on the item - Consider treating the item

**i** 6 - Low Risk

**Item:** Grind Rail  
**Manufacturer:** Eibe Play Ltd  
**Surface Type:** Tarmac  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** Yes  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes



**Total Findings:** 1

**Finding 1**

There is surface corrosion / rust present on the item - Consider treating the item

**i 6 - Low Risk**

**Item:** Grind Box  
**Manufacturer:** Eibe Play Ltd  
**Surface Type:** Tarmac  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** Yes  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes



**Total Findings:** 1

**Finding 1**

There is surface corrosion / rust present on the item - Consider treating the item

**i 8 - Low Risk**

**Item:** Quarter Pipe  
**Manufacturer:** Eibe Play Ltd  
**Surface Type:** Tarmac  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** No  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes



**Total Findings:** 2

**Finding 1**

The kicker plate protrudes more than 5mm above the surrounding surface level, BS EN 14974 recommends a maximum of 5mm with 3mm preferred - Adjust height to ensure a maximum of 5mm change in level

**Finding 2**

The height of the barrier is less than 1200mm and fails the requirements of BS EN 14974 - Monitor - No remedial work recommended

**i** 8 - Low Risk

**Item:** Platform Ramp  
**Manufacturer:** Eibe Play Ltd  
**Surface Type:** Tarmac  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** No  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes



**Total Findings:** 2

**Finding 1**

The kicker plate has sunk more than 5mm below the surrounding surface level, BS EN 14974 recommends a maximum of 5mm with 3mm preferred - Adjust height to ensure a maximum of 5mm change in level

**Finding 2**

Joints between the riding surfaces should not be greater than 5mm to meet the requirements of BS EN 14974 - Take corrective action to ensure that the gaps between the joints do not exceed 5mm

**i** 8 - Low Risk

**Item:** Half Pipe  
**Manufacturer:** Eibe Play Ltd  
**Surface Type:** Tarmac  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** No  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes



**Total Findings:** 3

**Finding 1**

The height of the barrier is less than 1200mm and fails the requirements of BS EN 14974 - Monitor - No remedial work recommended

**Finding 2**

Joints between the riding surfaces should not be greater than 5mm to meet the requirements of BS EN 14974 - Take corrective action to ensure that the gaps between the joints do not exceed 5mm

**Finding 3**

There is a change in the level of the rolling surface in excess of 3mm and the item fails the requirements of BS EN 14974 Clause 5.1.2.3 - Monitor - No remedial work recommended



## Findings information

**i** 5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Site General  
**Manufacturer:** Owner/Operator

**Risk Level:** V - Very Low Risk  
**Surface:** N/A



**Finding:** Signage of the wheeled sports area should be provided as recommended in BS EN 14974; this will include, but not exclusively, the use of the area, a recommendation to wear protective equipment, emergency contact details etc.

**Action:** Provide signage as recommended by BS EN 14974 for wheeled sports areas

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Site General  
**Manufacturer:** Owner/Operator

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** N/A



**Finding:** There is weed / vegetation growth on, between, or around the edges of the surfacing  
**Action:** Remove weed / vegetation growth



**i** 8 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Site General  
**Manufacturer:** Owner/Operator

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** N/A



**Finding:** There is root damage to the surfacing creating unforeseen changes in levels

**Action:** Repair the damaged areas of tarmac to provide a uniform surface

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 4)

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Site General  
**Manufacturer:** Owner/Operator

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** N/A



**Finding:** There is some damage apparent to the riding surface

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required



**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Fences - Fence - Bow Top  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Bitmac



**Finding:** There is some damage to the fence sections

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Fences - Fence - Bow Top  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Bitmac



**Finding:** The adjacent foliage is overhanging

**Action:** Cut back and maintain



**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Shelter  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Tarmac



**Finding:** There is some evidence of fire damage to the item **Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Shelter  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Tarmac



**Finding:** Pop rivet fixings have failed on the seat **Action:** Replace the failed pop rivets



**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Shelter  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Tarmac



**Finding:** There is surface corrosion / rust present on the item

**Action:** Consider treating the item

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Wheeled Sports - Grind Rail  
**Manufacturer:** Eibe Play Ltd

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Tarmac



**Finding:** There is surface corrosion / rust present on the item

**Action:** Consider treating the item



**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

<b>Item:</b>	Wheeled Sports - Grind Rail	<b>Risk Level:</b>	L - Low Risk
<b>Manufacturer:</b>	Eibe Play Ltd	<b>Surface:</b>	Tarmac



**Finding:** There is surface corrosion / rust present on the item  
**Action:** Consider treating the item

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

<b>Item:</b>	Wheeled Sports - Grind Box	<b>Risk Level:</b>	L - Low Risk
<b>Manufacturer:</b>	Eibe Play Ltd	<b>Surface:</b>	Tarmac



**Finding:** There is surface corrosion / rust present on the item  
**Action:** Consider treating the item



**8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)**

**Item:** Wheeled Sports - Quarter Pipe  
**Manufacturer:** Eibe Play Ltd

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Tarmac



**Finding:** The kicker plate protrudes more than 5mm above the surrounding surface level, BS EN 14974 recommends a maximum of 5mm with 3mm preferred

**Action:** Adjust height to ensure a maximum of 5mm change in level

**6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)**

**Item:** Wheeled Sports - Quarter Pipe  
**Manufacturer:** Eibe Play Ltd

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Tarmac



**Finding:** The height of the barrier is less than 1200mm and fails the requirements of BS EN 14974

**Action:** Monitor - No remedial work recommended



**i** 8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Wheeled Sports - Platform Ramp  
**Manufacturer:** Eibe Play Ltd

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Tarmac



**Finding:** The kicker plate has sunk more than 5mm below the surrounding surface level, BS EN 14974 recommends a maximum of 5mm with 3mm preferred

**Action:** Adjust height to ensure a maximum of 5mm change in level

**i** 8 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Wheeled Sports - Platform Ramp  
**Manufacturer:** Eibe Play Ltd

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Tarmac



**Finding:** Joints between the riding surfaces should not be greater than 5mm to meet the requirements of BS EN 14974

**Action:** Take corrective action to ensure that the gaps between the joints do not exceed 5mm



**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Wheeled Sports - Half Pipe  
**Manufacturer:** Eibe Play Ltd

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Tarmac



**Finding:** The height of the barrier is less than 1200mm and fails the requirements of BS EN 14974  
**Action:** Monitor - No remedial work recommended

**i** 8 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Wheeled Sports - Half Pipe  
**Manufacturer:** Eibe Play Ltd

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Tarmac



**Finding:** Joints between the riding surfaces should not be greater than 5mm to meet the requirements of BS EN 14974  
**Action:** Take corrective action to ensure that the gaps between the joints do not exceed 5mm

**i** 8 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

**Item:** Wheeled Sports - Half Pipe  
**Manufacturer:** Eibe Play Ltd

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Tarmac



**Finding:** There is a change in the level of the rolling surface in excess of 3mm and the item fails the requirements of BS EN 14974 Clause 5.1.2.3 **Action:** Monitor - No remedial work recommended



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## Annual Inspection

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## Inspection Scope for RPII Inspection Methodology

This document outlines the RPII scope for inspections undertaken by the Inspectors listed as Annual Inspectors on the RPII Register of Inspectors when undertaking Indoor Annual, Outdoor Annual, Outdoor Operational and Outdoor Routine inspections.

Inspections are undertaken with reference to the standards listed in this preamble only; where no date for the standard is given it will be the standard that is current at the time of inspection except where overlap periods are granted by the standards committee when standards are updated. The information contained in reports is provided to assist the owner/operator in fulfilling their responsibilities as detailed in the relevant standard. Other standards referenced within the listed standards do not form part of the inspection, unless they are also explicitly listed here.

The following standards are relevant to all installations of equipment that are publicly accessible to users; this includes public parks, pay and play parks, schools, nurseries, public houses, holiday parks, indoor play centres, farm parks etc. All equipment used or employed in publicly accessible areas should meet with the requirements of the relevant standards (listed below):

BS EN 1176 Parts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 & 11 Playground equipment intended for permanent installation outdoors & indoors.

BS EN 1176 Part 7 - 'Guidance on Installation, Inspection, Maintenance and Operation' (this document gives guidance to the owners/operators of the facility on the installation, inspection, maintenance and operation of playground equipment, excluding ancillary items).

In the United Kingdom the National Foreword forms an important part to the understanding and implementation of the recommendations set out in this document. It clarifies the application of the document within the UK as best practice guidance, as the document has been used since its initial publication. Therefore, in the UK this standard (BS EN 1176 – Part 7) contains no requirements and needs to be read and implemented as guidance, with the use of the term 'shall' therefore becoming a recommendation, as in the term 'should'.

Domestic play equipment falls outside of the scope of BS EN 1176 and has its own standards (BS EN 71 series – Safety of Toys). Where domestic equipment can be identified this will be acknowledged in the report but any comments concerning compliance will follow the requirements and recommendations of BS EN 1176.

When water play items, including spray parks, are inspected any comments concerning compliance within the inspection will refer to BS EN 1176. We have not assessed these against the requirements of BS EN 17232 (Water play equipment and features).

Other equipment that is not clearly identified as unsupervised or domestic (natural play, self-build equipment etc.) will be assessed for compliance with the relevant standard listed below:

**BS EN 15312** Free access multi-sports equipment  
**BS EN 14974** Skateparks  
**BS EN 16630** Permanently installed outdoor fitness equipment  
**BS EN 16899** Parkour equipment (plus RPII/API guidance notes)

Annual and Post Installation inspections will take into consideration compliance with these current standards, and defects related to wear and vandalism. Items not listed in the report have not been included in the inspection. The inspection will cover the playground equipment and the active area (that area which is obviously part of the playground), nominally up to three metres around, the fence line if closer, or other areas as agreed.

Operational inspections only take into consideration defects related to cleanliness, equipment ground clearances, ground surface finishes, exposed foundations, sharp edges, missing parts, excessive wear (of moving parts) structural integrity, wear and vandalism.

Routine visual inspections relate only to the most obvious defects such as broken or missing parts, litter, vandalism and issues created by severe weather conditions (the intention is to identify hazards created by storm damage).

All inspections are non-dismantling, non-destructive and do not include any structural, toxicology or impact assessments defined in the standard; however, the inspector will undertake a manual test for stability and if equipment fails under manual load, or any other hazard is identified as an unacceptable risk, the owner/operator will be notified as soon as practicably possible.

The inspector will access all reasonably accessible equipment and will assess all reasonably accessible parts above the standing surface. Where it is not possible to access parts of the equipment without employing an alternative means of access the report will record the action required by the owner/operator to ensure the continued safe use of the equipment.

Ancillary equipment will be assessed using the inspector's knowledge and experience of the standards named in this document. (Note: Ancillary items are not included in the specific equipment-type parts of the EN 1176 series; hence they are not assessed for compliance with EN 1176 series and are subject to a general safety assessment).

The owner/operator is responsible for the overall safety of the equipment and area.

The inspector will not undertake any of the following works unless specifically agreed in writing at the time of order:

Checking the depth and underlying structural integrity of any surface areas and/or carrying out any testing of the impact attenuating properties of any surfaces; the identification of any corrosion, rot or other deterioration in any apparatus or equipment other than by an external inspection; the inspection of any equipment (or part thereof) that is beneath the playing surface (loose-fill materials may be moved to expose foundations); tightening any bolts, hinges or other fixing devices on any apparatus or equipment; assessing or inspecting any electrical installations contained on any site and/or apparatus and/or equipment; assessing or inspecting any water supplies and/or water features and/or any associated computerised systems (including carrying out any programming); where planting or trees are mentioned in the report no assessments of toxicity, suitability or condition are undertaken – the owner/operator should have suitable inspections provided by a competent person.

The owner/operator should have a 'design risk assessment' provided by the manufacturer/designer of the area for the equipment and location in which the facility is installed.

The operator is responsible for managing risks of their provision and is required by law to carry out a 'suitable and sufficient assessment' of the risks associated with a site or activity. This inspection shall be considered as contributing to the operator's discharge of this responsibility.

The details contained within the report are a snapshot of the condition at the time of inspection only and subsequent events may affect the condition of the facility. Suggested remedial actions are based on the knowledge and experience of the inspector and/or that of the inspection company. The owner/operator should always seek the advice of the manufacturer or a competent person when undertaking repairs and/or modifications to equipment.

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The operator is responsible for following the guidance of the relevant standards. The standards give guidance on the installation, inspection, maintenance and operation of the various types of facilities. The inspection guidance is listed in Table 1, with an indication of which parts will be included in an RPII Annual or Post-Installation Inspection. The relevant standards also contain additional parts which the operator should follow.

Inspection recommendations of relevant standards Refer to relevant standards for full text	Annual Main	RPII Annual/ Post Installation Inspection
6.1 d) Overall levels of safety of equipment (see note 1)	✓	✓ [1]
6.1 d) Overall levels of safety of foundations (see note 1)	✓	✓ [1]
6.1 d) Overall levels of safety of playing surfaces (see note 2)	✓	✓ [2]
6.1 d) Compliance with the relevant parts of the standard and or risk assessment (see note 3)	✓	✓ [3]
6.1 d) Effects of weather	✓	✓
6.1 d) Presence of rot, decay or corrosion (see note 1)	✓	✓ [1]
6.1 d) Assessment of repairs made or added or replaced components (see note 4)	✓	✓ [4]
6.1 d) Excavation or dismantling/additional measures	✓	✗
6.2.1 Assessment of glass reinforced plastics (see note 5)	✓	✓ [5]
6.2.1 Inspection of one post equipment (see note 1)	✓	✓ [1]
6.2.4 Undertaking the Operators inspection protocol	✓	✗

NB: The clause numbers in table 1 are taken from BS EN 1176 - Part 7:2020. The content is equally applicable to all other relevant standards listed herein. Playgrounds contain a range of equipment from different manufacturers and installed over a number of years; operators should implement any guidance provided by the manufacturer. Item specific detail is not readily available to RPII Playground Inspectors, whose report contributes to the operator's overall Annual Main Inspection as detailed in the relevant standards.

[1] A manual test only is undertaken for stability. Wear and instability are only detectable where readily apparent without dismantling or destruction and without the use of tools, excavation or specialist equipment. Rot and corrosion are tested or with a hammer and/or steel rod. Decay in timber may exist which can only be found with specialist equipment.

[2] Only the visible condition and dimensional compliance of surface extent is considered. Neither testing of impact attenuating properties nor measurement of the thickness of bound surfaces are undertaken on RPII annual inspections.

[3] The inspection assesses compliance where this can be tested on site using manual methods without dismantling, destruction and without the use of tools or specialist equipment.

[4] The operator should use manufacturer's recommended parts, or equivalent. We are unable to verify if such parts have been used, and any subsequent change in quality or performance.

[5] Visible glass fibres will be noted in reports. The operator is responsible for repairs or replacement.

# Risk Assessment Matrix

			Scores in the report are multiplication factors of Likelihood x Severity					
			Severity>>					
<b>Likelihood</b>	Very High probability, if the situation is not addressed an accident is almost certain.	5	Very High	VL (5)	L (10)	M (15)	H (20)	VH (25)
	High probability an accident is probable without any added factor.	4	High	VL (4)	L (8)	M (12)	H (16)	H (20)
	Moderate probability an incident is foreseeable.	3	Moderate	VL (3)	L (6)	L (9)	M (12)	M (15)
	Some probability, requires a combination of factors to take place.	2	Low	VL (2)	VL (4)	L (6)	L (8)	L (10)
	No significant probability; lightning strike, freak accident.	1	Very Low	VL (1)	VL (2)	VL (3)	VL (4)	VL (5)
			Very Low	Low	Moderate	High	Very High	
			1	2	3	4	5	
			No injury likely e.g. damaged or soiled clothing, minor bruising, grazes	Minor injury, laceration or bruising requiring first aid only	Injury requiring medical intervention e.g. cuts requiring stitches	Serious injury including concussions or fracture of long bones	Severe injury involving a potential life changing injury or fatality	
			<b>Severity&gt;&gt;</b>					
<p>Note 1: The total risk scores included within our reports are a multiplication factor of the calculated Likelihood and Severity of each finding. Both Likelihood and Severity are given a number between 1 - 5 as shown on the matrix above and these two numbers are then multiplied together to give the total risk score that is shown against defects on the report. Total risk scores can be divided in both directions, i.e. a total risk score of 12 could be a Likelihood (3) x Severity (4) or Likelihood (4) x Severity (3).</p> <p>Note 2: When we inspect we only see a snapshot of the current condition of the equipment. It is the operators responsibility to ensure that there is a continuing level of maintenance to keep the equipment in good working order and the site fit for use.</p>								

**Equipment has been assessed to the following standards where relevant:**

- BS EN 1176 Parts 1-11 (Playground equipment and surfacing)
- BS EN 14974 (Facilities for users of roller sports equipment)
- BS EN 15312 (Free access multi-sports equipment)
- BS EN 16899 (Parkour Equipment)
- BS EN 16630 (Outdoor Fitness Equipment).



# Wickhambrook

Inspection Ref: 2129580

Site Ref: 5341

Inspected: 25-July-2023 - 09:25 by Liam Last

Risk Assessment: 10 Low Risk



**Location:**

The site is located in an area of public open space and is not directly overlooked by any properties in the local community.

**Disabled Access:**

Some accessible features; an area that presents difficulties to the majority of people with disabilities but in favourable circumstances and certainly in partnership can be accessed.

**i** 8 - Low Risk

**Item:** Site General  
**Manufacturer:** Owner/Operator  
**Surface Type:** N/A  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A

**Total Findings:** 1



**Finding 1**

There is a redundant concrete base causing trip hazards in the play area - Remove the concrete and reinstate

**i** 5 - Very Low Risk

**Item:** Sign  
**Manufacturer:** Owner/Operator  
**Surface Type:** N/A  
**Item Part Number:**  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A  
**Total Findings:** 1



**Finding 1**

It is recommended that signage, with information including the site address, contact information for maintenance issues and emergency contact details are provided for the facility - Provide in accordance with the recommendations

**i 8 - Low Risk**

**Item:** Gate - Self Closing  
**Manufacturer:** Easy Gate Ltd  
**Surface Type:** Grass Matrix Tiles  
**Item Quantity:** 2  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A



**Total Findings:** 2

**Finding 1**

There are a number of redundant cable ties attached to the gate - Remove redundant cable ties

**Finding 2**

There are trip hazards at the edges of the surface - Reinstate surrounding surface levels to remove the trip points

**i 4 - Very Low Risk**

**Item:** Gate - Maintenance  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** Grass  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A



**Total Findings:** 1

**Finding 1**

The maintenance gate was correctly padlocked at the time of inspection, however this means that the inspector was unable to fully assess the gate - Ensure that there are 12mm gaps throughout the full range of motion on gate/s and between leaves where relevant



**i 6 - Low Risk**

**Item:** Fencing - Timber  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** Grass  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A



**Total Findings:** 2

**Finding 1**

There is some strimmer / machinery damage apparent on the posts, this can penetrate the preservative applied to the timber and accelerate the rotting process - Monitor for any deterioration (rot) and replace as required

**Finding 2**

The adjacent foliage is overhanging - Cut back and maintain

**i 4 - Very Low Risk**

**Item:** Picnic Table  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** Grass  
**Item Quantity:** 2  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A



**Total Findings:** 1

**Finding 1**

This item is satisfactory - no work required -

**i** 6 - Low Risk

**Item:** Litter Bin  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** Grass  
**Item Part Number:**  
**Item Quantity:** 2  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A  
**Total Findings:** 1



**Finding 1**

The paintwork on this item has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting / corroding - Treat affected areas and repaint

**i** 4 - Very Low Risk

**Item:** Bench  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** Grass  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A  
  
**Total Findings:** 1



**Finding 1**

This item is satisfactory - no work required -

**i** 6 - Low Risk

**Item:** Spring Snail  
**Manufacturer:** Miracle Recreation Equipment Company  
**Surface Type:** Grass Matrix Tiles  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** Yes  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes



**Total Findings:** 1

**Finding 1**

A number of fixing(s) have worked loose - Secure all loose fixings

**i** 6 - Low Risk

**Item:** Spring Bee  
**Manufacturer:** Miracle Recreation Equipment Company  
**Surface Type:** Grass Matrix Tiles  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** Yes  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes



**Total Findings:** 1

**Finding 1**

A number of fixing(s) have worked loose - Secure all loose fixings



**i 4 - Very Low Risk**

**Item:** Spinner Bowl  
**Manufacturer:** Sutcliffe Play Limited  
**Surface Type:** Grass Matrix Tiles  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** Yes  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes



**Total Findings:** 1

**Finding 1**

This item is satisfactory - no work required -

**i 8 - Low Risk**

**Item:** 1 Bay 2 Seat (Cradle)  
**Manufacturer:** Miracle Recreation Equipment Company  
**Surface Type:** Grass Matrix Tiles  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** No  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes



**Total Findings:** 5

**Finding 1**

The grass mats are silted up and the soil is compacted; this may have an effect on the impact absorbing properties of the surface - Consider HIC testing impact absorbing properties to ensure the correct surface qualities are maintained for the equipment and replace as required

**Finding 2**

The connecting links are in excess of 8.6mm and less than 12mm and fail the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1; clause 4.2.13, Chains - Monitor use and replace with compliant links at the next maintenance cycle

**Finding 3**

The chain openings are in excess of 8.6mm and do not meet the recommendations of BS EN 1176 Part 1 - Monitor - No remedial work recommended

**Finding 4**

There is some notable evidence of chain wear - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace when 40% worn

**Finding 5**

The swing seat connectors have some wear present - Monitor for further deterioration and replace when 40% worn

**i 8 - Low Risk**

**Item:** Stepping Posts Timber  
**Manufacturer:** Playworld Systems (Europe) Ltd  
**Surface Type:** Grass Matrix Tiles  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** Yes  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes



**Total Findings:** 3

**Finding 1**

There is algae or moss on the surface of the equipment - Clean and treat appropriately

**Finding 2**

There is some strimmer / machinery damage apparent on the posts, this can penetrate the preservative applied to the timber and accelerate the rotting process - Monitor for any deterioration (rot) and replace as required

**Finding 3**

The timber has a number of splits/shakes or air cracks and this may affect the stability or allow water ingress which will accelerate the rotting process - Monitor to ensure the splits do not cross through fixing points of the structure and/or cause any instability

**i 8 - Low Risk**

**Item:** Embankment Slide  
**Manufacturer:** Miracle Recreation Equipment Company  
**Surface Type:** Grass Matrix Tiles  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** No  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes



**Total Findings:** 3

**Finding 1**

The edges of the grass mat surface have not been installed in accordance with the API Code of Practice - Tuck in edges of grass mat to remove trip hazards

**Finding 2**

There is/are finger entrapment/s in the slide starting section and the item fails to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1 4.2.7.6 Entrapment of fingers - Monitor - No remedial work recommended

**Finding 3**

The surface has eroded in some areas and may be slippery in wet conditions - Reinstate the surface

**i 8 - Low Risk**

**Item:** Activity Trail  
**Manufacturer:** Miracle Recreation Equipment Company  
**Surface Type:** Grass Matrix Tiles  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** No  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes



**Total Findings:** 8

**Finding 1**

There is/are bolt cap covers missing or damaged on the item - Replace missing or damaged bolt cap covers

**Finding 2**

The step between the items is quite large and users may not be able to complete the step without touching ground, the items could therefore be considered to be within the falling space of each other, however the intention of the play activity continuity is easily apparent and foreseeable to the user - Monitor - No remedial work recommended

**Finding 3**

There is some strimmer / machinery damage apparent on the posts, this can penetrate the preservative applied to the timber and accelerate the rotting process - Monitor for any deterioration (rot) and replace as required

**Finding 4**

The timber stepping post forms a hard object within the falling space of the A frame climber in contravention of the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1 - Monitor - No remedial work recommended

**Finding 5**

The timber has a number of splits/shakes or air cracks and this may affect the stability or allow water ingress which will accelerate the rotting process - Monitor to ensure the splits do not cross through fixing points of the structure and/or cause any instability

**Finding 6**

There is algae or moss on the surface of the equipment - Clean and treat appropriately

**Finding 7**

The ropes/nets are worn/damaged in places - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair or replace as required

**Finding 8**

Parts of the timber are rough or splintered - Remove all rough or sharp edges



**i 8 - Low Risk**

**Item:** 2 Bay 2 Flat 1 Basket Seat  
**Manufacturer:** Miracle Recreation Equipment Company  
**Surface Type:** Grass Matrix Tiles  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** No  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes



**Total Findings:** 8

**Finding 1**

There is moderate damage to the surface - Repair the damaged areas of surfacing

**Finding 2**

There are gaps opening between the grass mat tiles - Provide additional ties or secure / reinstate surface

**Finding 3**

The swing seat connectors have some wear present - Monitor for further deterioration and replace when 40% worn

**Finding 4**

There is some notable evidence of chain wear - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace when 40% worn

**Finding 5**

The seat has minor damage or wear - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

**Finding 6**

There is algae or moss on the surface of the equipment - Clean and treat appropriately

**Finding 7**

The paint is flaking off the metalwork - Rub down and re-paint

**Finding 8**

The seats are too close to each other as defined in BS EN 1176 Part 2; this is a low risk failure and no remedial action is required - Monitor - No remedial work recommended

**i 4 - Very Low Risk**

**Item:** Supernova  
**Manufacturer:** Kompan Ltd  
**Surface Type:** Grass Matrix Tiles  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** Yes  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes



**Total Findings:** 1

**Finding 1**

This item is satisfactory - no work required -



**i** 4 - Very Low Risk

**Item:** Overhead Rotator  
**Manufacturer:** Miracle Recreation Equipment Company  
**Surface Type:** Grass Matrix Tiles  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** Yes  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes

**Total Findings:** 1



**Finding 1**

This item is satisfactory - no work required -

**i** 10 - Low Risk

**Item:** Multi Play (Senior)  
**Manufacturer:** Miracle Recreation Equipment Company  
**Surface Type:** Grass Matrix Tiles  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** No  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes



**Total Findings:** 9

**Finding 1**

This item of equipment has a fall height in excess of 2.5m and grass mats have been installed as an impact absorbing surface; these mats rely heavily on the underlying surface to achieve their critical fall height properties. - Ensure surfacing certification is sought and consider HIC testing to ensure the surfacing is performing adequately

**Finding 2**

The tree canopy overhangs the equipment and is less than 2.0m away - Lift tree canopy to ensure a minimum clearance of 2.0m from the equipment

**Finding 3**

There are falls in excess of 600mm between adjacent components on the structure, in contravention of the recommendations set out in BS EN 1176 Part 1; 4.2.8.4 - Monitor - No remedial work recommended

**Finding 4**

There is algae or moss on the surface of the equipment - Clean and treat appropriately

**Finding 5**

The height of the slide runout is in excess of 350mm and does not meet the requirements of BS EN 1176: Part 3 - Monitor - No remedial work recommended

**Finding 6**

There is/are finger entrapment/s in the frame and the item fails to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1 4.2.7.6 Entrapment of fingers - Monitor - No remedial work recommended

**Finding 7**

There are no buffers fitted to the mono rail - Provide buffers

**Finding 8**

A number of fixing(s) have worked loose - Secure all loose fixings

**Finding 9**

There are a number of dents in the slide surface - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required





**i** 6 - Low Risk

**Item:** Log Walk  
**Manufacturer:** Miracle Recreation Equipment Company  
**Surface Type:** Grass Matrix Tiles  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** Yes  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes

**Total Findings:** 2



**Finding 1**

The timber has a number of splits/shakes or air cracks and this may affect the stability or allow water ingress which will accelerate the rotting process - Monitor to ensure the splits do not cross through fixing points of the structure and/or cause any instability

**Finding 2**

There is some strimmer / machinery damage apparent on the posts, this can penetrate the preservative applied to the timber and accelerate the rotting process - Monitor for any deterioration (rot) and replace as required



**i** 8 - Low Risk

**Item:** Climbing Frame  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** Grass Matrix Tiles  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** No  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes



**Total Findings:** 7

**Finding 1**

There is/are bolt cap covers missing or damaged on the item - Replace missing or damaged bolt cap covers

**Finding 3**

There is algae or moss on the surface of the equipment - Clean and treat appropriately

**Finding 5**

The connecting links are in excess of 8.6mm and less than 12mm and fail the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1; clause 4.2.13, Chains - Monitor use and replace with compliant links at the next maintenance cycle

**Finding 7**

The connecting lugs are showing signs of wear - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

**Finding 2**

The log walk forms a hard object within the falling space of the equipment in contravention of the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1 - Monitor - No remedial work recommended

**Finding 4**

There is/are finger entrapment/s in the frame and the item fails to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1 4.2.7.6 Entrapment of fingers - Monitor - No remedial work recommended

**Finding 6**

The ropes/nets are worn/damaged in places - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair or replace as required

**i 8 - Low Risk**

**Item:** Cable Runway  
**Manufacturer:** Fenland Leisure Products  
**Surface Type:** Grass Matrix Tiles  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** No  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes

**Total Findings:** 9



**Finding 1**

We have completed a visual inspection of the suspension links, cable and fixing points from ground level, however it is not possible to fully inspect these areas without either hiring equipment to gain access or removing the cable and suspension and inspecting at ground level. We recommend that the main cable and fixing security is thoroughly inspected at least in accordance with the manufacturers recommendations to check for wear, damage, security or internal rusting; this will help to ensure the continued safe use of the equipment - Inspect in accordance with the manufacturers recommendations

**Finding 2**

The seat connection cannot be inspected without dismantling the seat - Dismantle the seat to inspect the seat connection for wear

**Finding 3**

The cableway seat has been damaged - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

**Finding 4**

The nylon inserts are worn or missing at the point the cable enters the traveller - Replace worn or missing inserts as required

**Finding 5**

The overhanging foliage forms a hard object within the falling space of the equipment in contravention of the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1 - Cut back and maintain a 2m falling space

**Finding 6**

The seat is less than 2.0 metres from the post when extended at 45 degrees at the end of the area of travel and does not meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 4 - Adjust the cable stop position to ensure the minimum distance is maintained

**Finding 7**

There is some strimmer / machinery damage apparent on the posts, this can penetrate the preservative applied to the timber and accelerate the rotting process - Monitor for any deterioration (rot) and replace as required

**Finding 8**

There is algae or moss on the surface of the equipment - Clean and treat appropriately

**Finding 9**

There are a number of redundant staples attached to the equipment - Remove redundant staples



## Findings information

 8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)			
<b>Item:</b>	Ancillary Items - Site General	<b>Risk Level:</b>	L - Low Risk
<b>Manufacturer:</b>	Owner/Operator	<b>Surface:</b>	N/A
			
<b>Finding:</b> There is a redundant concrete base causing trip hazards in the play area		<b>Action:</b> Remove the concrete and reinstate	

**i** 5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Sign  
**Manufacturer:** Owner/Operator

**Risk Level:** V - Very Low Risk  
**Surface:** N/A



**Finding:** It is recommended that signage, with information including the site address, contact information for maintenance issues and emergency contact details are provided for the facility

**Action:** Provide in accordance with the recommendations

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Gates - Gate - Self Closing  
**Manufacturer:** Easy Gate Ltd

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** There are a number of redundant cable ties attached to the gate

**Action:** Remove redundant cable ties



**i** 8 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Gates - Gate - Self Closing  
**Manufacturer:** Easy Gate Ltd

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** There are trip hazards at the edges of the surface

**Action:** Reinstate surrounding surface levels to remove the trip points

**i** 4 - Very Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Gates - Gate - Maintenance  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** V - Very Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** The maintenance gate was correctly padlocked at the time of inspection, however this means that the inspector was unable to fully assess the gate

**Action:** Ensure that there are 12mm gaps throughout the full range of motion on gate/s and between leaves where relevant



**6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)**

**Item:** Fences - Fencing - Timber  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** There is some strimmer / machinery damage apparent on the posts, this can penetrate the preservative applied to the timber and accelerate the rotting process

**Action:** Monitor for any deterioration (rot) and replace as required

**6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)**

**Item:** Fences - Fencing - Timber  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** The adjacent foliage is overhanging

**Action:** Cut back and maintain



**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Litter Bin  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** The paintwork on this item has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting / corroding

**Action:** Treat affected areas and repaint

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Rocking Equipment - Spring Snail  
**Manufacturer:** Miracle Recreation Equipment Company

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** A number of fixing(s) have worked loose

**Action:** Secure all loose fixings



**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Rocking Equipment - Spring Bee  
**Manufacturer:** Miracle Recreation Equipment Company

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** A number of fixing(s) have worked loose

**Action:** Secure all loose fixings

**i** 8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Cradle)  
**Manufacturer:** Miracle Recreation Equipment Company

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** The grass mats are silted up and the soil is compacted; this may have an effect on the impact absorbing properties of the surface

**Action:** Consider HIC testing impact absorbing properties to ensure the correct surface qualities are maintained for the equipment and replace as required



**i** 5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Cradle)  
**Manufacturer:** Miracle Recreation Equipment Company

**Risk Level:** V - Very Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** The connecting links are in excess of 8.6mm and less than 12mm and fail the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1; clause 4.2.13, Chains

**Action:** Monitor use and replace with compliant links at the next maintenance cycle

**i** 5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 3)

**Item:** Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Cradle)  
**Manufacturer:** Miracle Recreation Equipment Company

**Risk Level:** V - Very Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** The chain openings are in excess of 8.6mm and do not meet the recommendations of BS EN 1176 Part 1

**Action:** Monitor - No remedial work recommended



**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 4)

**Item:** Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Cradle)  
**Manufacturer:** Miracle Recreation Equipment Company

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** There is some notable evidence of chain wear

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and replace when 40% worn

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 5)

**Item:** Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Cradle)  
**Manufacturer:** Miracle Recreation Equipment Company

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** The swing seat connectors have some wear present

**Action:** Monitor for further deterioration and replace when 40% worn



**i** 8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Stepping Posts  
 Timber  
**Manufacturer:** Playworld Systems (Europe) Ltd

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** There is algae or moss on the surface of the equipment

**Action:** Clean and treat appropriately

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Stepping Posts  
 Timber  
**Manufacturer:** Playworld Systems (Europe) Ltd

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** There is some strimmer / machinery damage apparent on the posts, this can penetrate the preservative applied to the timber and accelerate the rotting process

**Action:** Monitor for any deterioration (rot) and replace as required



**6 - Low Risk (Finding 3)**

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Stepping Posts  
 Timber  
**Manufacturer:** Playworld Systems (Europe) Ltd

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** The timber has a number of splits/shakes or air cracks and this may affect the stability or allow water ingress which will accelerate the rotting process  
**Action:** Monitor to ensure the splits do not cross through fixing points of the structure and/or cause any instability

**8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)**

**Item:** Other - Embankment Slide  
**Manufacturer:** Miracle Recreation Equipment Company

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** The edges of the grass mat surface have not been installed in accordance with the API Code of Practice  
**Action:** Tuck in edges of grass mat to remove trip hazards



**i** 5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Other - Embankment Slide      **Risk Level:** V - Very Low Risk  
**Manufacturer:** Miracle Recreation Equipment Company      **Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** There is/are finger entrapment/s in the slide starting section and the item fails to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1 4.2.7.6 Entrapment of fingers

**Action:** Monitor - No remedial work recommended

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

**Item:** Other - Embankment Slide      **Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Manufacturer:** Miracle Recreation Equipment Company      **Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** The surface has eroded in some areas and may be slippery in wet conditions

**Action:** Reinstate the surface



**i** 4 - Very Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Activity Trail  
**Manufacturer:** Miracle Recreation Equipment Company

**Risk Level:** V - Very Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** There is/are bolt cap covers missing or damaged on the item

**Action:** Replace missing or damaged bolt cap covers

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Activity Trail  
**Manufacturer:** Miracle Recreation Equipment Company

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** The step between the items is quite large and users may not be able to complete the step without touching ground, the items could therefore be considered to be within the falling space of each other, however the intention of the play activity continuity is easily apparent and foreseeable to the user

**Action:** Monitor - No remedial work recommended



**6 - Low Risk (Finding 3)**

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Activity Trail  
**Manufacturer:** Miracle Recreation Equipment Company

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** There is some strimmer / machinery damage apparent on the posts, this can penetrate the preservative applied to the timber and accelerate the rotting process

**Action:** Monitor for any deterioration (rot) and replace as required

**8 - Low Risk (Finding 4)**

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Activity Trail  
**Manufacturer:** Miracle Recreation Equipment Company

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** The timber stepping post forms a hard object within the falling space of the A frame climber in contravention of the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1

**Action:** Monitor - No remedial work recommended



**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 5)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Activity Trail  
**Manufacturer:** Miracle Recreation Equipment Company

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** The timber has a number of splits/shakes or air cracks and this may affect the stability or allow water ingress which will accelerate the rotting process  
**Action:** Monitor to ensure the splits do not cross through fixing points of the structure and/or cause any instability

**i** 8 - Low Risk (Finding 6)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Activity Trail  
**Manufacturer:** Miracle Recreation Equipment Company

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** There is algae or moss on the surface of the equipment  
**Action:** Clean and treat appropriately



**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 7)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Activity Trail  
**Manufacturer:** Miracle Recreation Equipment Company

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** The ropes/nets are worn/damaged in places

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and repair or replace as required

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 8)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Activity Trail  
**Manufacturer:** Miracle Recreation Equipment Company

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** Parts of the timber are rough or splintered

**Action:** Remove all rough or sharp edges



**i** 8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Swings - 2 Bay 2 Flat 1 Basket Seat  
**Manufacturer:** Miracle Recreation Equipment Company

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** There is moderate damage to the surface

**Action:** Repair the damaged areas of surfacing

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Swings - 2 Bay 2 Flat 1 Basket Seat  
**Manufacturer:** Miracle Recreation Equipment Company

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** There are gaps opening between the grass mat tiles

**Action:** Provide additional ties or secure / reinstate surface



**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

**Item:** Swings - 2 Bay 2 Flat 1 Basket Seat  
**Manufacturer:** Miracle Recreation Equipment Company

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** The swing seat connectors have some wear present

**Action:** Monitor for further deterioration and replace when 40% worn

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 4)

**Item:** Swings - 2 Bay 2 Flat 1 Basket Seat  
**Manufacturer:** Miracle Recreation Equipment Company

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** There is some notable evidence of chain wear

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and replace when 40% worn



**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 5)

**Item:** Swings - 2 Bay 2 Flat 1 Basket Seat  
**Manufacturer:** Miracle Recreation Equipment Company

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** The seat has minor damage or wear

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 6)

**Item:** Swings - 2 Bay 2 Flat 1 Basket Seat  
**Manufacturer:** Miracle Recreation Equipment Company

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** There is algae or moss on the surface of the equipment

**Action:** Clean and treat appropriately



**i 6 - Low Risk (Finding 7)**

**Item:** Swings - 2 Bay 2 Flat 1 Basket Seat  
**Manufacturer:** Miracle Recreation Equipment Company  
**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** The paint is flaking off the metalwork  
**Action:** Rub down and re-paint

**i 4 - Very Low Risk (Finding 8)**

**Item:** Swings - 2 Bay 2 Flat 1 Basket Seat  
**Manufacturer:** Miracle Recreation Equipment Company  
**Risk Level:** V - Very Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** The seats are too close to each other as defined in BS EN 1176 Part 2; this is a low risk failure and no remedial action is required  
**Action:** Monitor - No remedial work recommended



**i** 10 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Senior)  
**Manufacturer:** Miracle Recreation Equipment Company

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** This item of equipment has a fall height in excess of 2.5m and grass mats have been installed as an impact absorbing surface; these mats rely heavily on the underlying surface to achieve their critical fall height properties.

**Action:** Ensure surfacing certification is sought and consider HIC testing to ensure the surfacing is performing adequately

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Senior)  
**Manufacturer:** Miracle Recreation Equipment Company

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** The tree canopy overhangs the equipment and is less than 2.0m away

**Action:** Lift tree canopy to ensure a minimum clearance of 2.0m from the equipment



**i** 8 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Senior)  
**Manufacturer:** Miracle Recreation Equipment Company

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** There are falls in excess of 600mm between adjacent components on the structure, in contravention of the recommendations set out in BS EN 1176 Part 1; 4.2.8.4

**Action:** Monitor - No remedial work recommended

**i** 8 - Low Risk (Finding 4)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Senior)  
**Manufacturer:** Miracle Recreation Equipment Company

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** There is algae or moss on the surface of the equipment

**Action:** Clean and treat appropriately



**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 5)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Senior)  
**Manufacturer:** Miracle Recreation Equipment Company

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** The height of the slide runout is in excess of 350mm and does not meet the requirements of BS EN 1176: Part 3

**Action:** Monitor - No remedial work recommended

**i** 5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 6)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Senior)  
**Manufacturer:** Miracle Recreation Equipment Company

**Risk Level:** V - Very Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** There is/are finger entrapment/s in the frame and the item fails to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1 4.2.7.6 Entrapment of fingers

**Action:** Monitor - No remedial work recommended



**i** 8 - Low Risk (Finding 7)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Senior)  
**Manufacturer:** Miracle Recreation Equipment Company

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** There are no buffers fitted to the mono rail

**Action:** Provide buffers

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 8)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Senior)  
**Manufacturer:** Miracle Recreation Equipment Company

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** A number of fixing(s) have worked loose

**Action:** Secure all loose fixings



**i** 4 - Very Low Risk (Finding 9)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Senior)  
**Manufacturer:** Miracle Recreation Equipment Company

**Risk Level:** V - Very Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** There are a number of dents in the slide surface

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Log Walk  
**Manufacturer:** Miracle Recreation Equipment Company

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** The timber has a number of splits/shakes or air cracks and this may affect the stability or allow water ingress which will accelerate the rotting process

**Action:** Monitor to ensure the splits do not cross through fixing points of the structure and/or cause any instability



**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Log Walk  
**Manufacturer:** Miracle Recreation Equipment Company

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** There is some strimmer / machinery damage apparent on the posts, this can penetrate the preservative applied to the timber and accelerate the rotting process

**Action:** Monitor for any deterioration (rot) and replace as required

**i** 4 - Very Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Climbing Frame  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** V - Very Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** There is/are bolt cap covers missing or damaged on the item

**Action:** Replace missing or damaged bolt cap covers



**i** 5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Climbing Frame  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** V - Very Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** The log walk forms a hard object within the falling space of the equipment in contravention of the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1

**Action:** Monitor - No remedial work recommended

**i** 8 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Climbing Frame  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** There is algae or moss on the surface of the equipment

**Action:** Clean and treat appropriately



**i** 5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 4)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Climbing Frame  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** V - Very Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** There is/are finger entrapment/s in the frame and the item fails to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1 4.2.7.6 Entrapment of fingers  
**Action:** Monitor - No remedial work recommended

**i** 5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 5)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Climbing Frame  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** V - Very Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** The connecting links are in excess of 8.6mm and less than 12mm and fail the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1; clause 4.2.13, Chains  
**Action:** Monitor use and replace with compliant links at the next maintenance cycle



**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 6)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Climbing Frame  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** The ropes/nets are worn/damaged in places

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and repair or replace as required

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 7)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Climbing Frame  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** The connecting lugs are showing signs of wear

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

**i** 0 - Risk Assessment not Undertaken (Finding 1)

<b>Item:</b>	Other - Cable Runway	<b>Risk Level:</b>	N - Risk Assessment not Undertaken
<b>Manufacturer:</b>	Fenland Leisure Products	<b>Surface:</b>	Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** We have completed a visual inspection of the suspension links, cable and fixing points from ground level, however it is not possible to fully inspect these areas without either hiring equipment to gain access or removing the cable and suspension and inspecting at ground level. We recommend that the main cable and fixing security is thoroughly inspected at least in accordance with the manufacturers recommendations to check for wear, damage, security or internal rusting; this will help to ensure the continued safe use of the equipment

**Action:** Inspect in accordance with the manufacturers recommendations



**i** 0 - Risk Assessment not Undertaken (Finding 2)

**Item:** Other - Cable Runway  
**Manufacturer:** Fenland Leisure Products

**Risk Level:** N - Risk Assessment not Undertaken  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** The seat connection cannot be inspected without dismantling the seat

**Action:** Dismantle the seat to inspect the seat connection for wear

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

**Item:** Other - Cable Runway  
**Manufacturer:** Fenland Leisure Products

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** The cableway seat has been damaged

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

**i** 5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 4)

**Item:** Other - Cable Runway  
**Manufacturer:** Fenland Leisure Products

**Risk Level:** V - Very Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



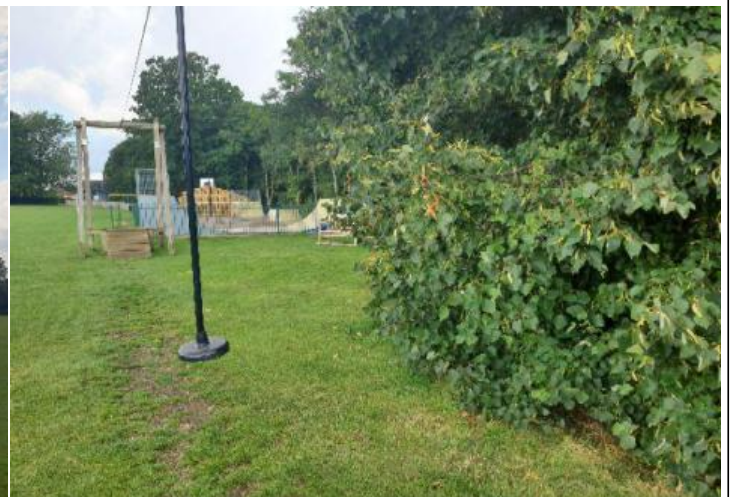
**Finding:** The nylon inserts are worn or missing at the point the cable enters the traveller

**Action:** Replace worn or missing inserts as required

**i** 5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 5)

**Item:** Other - Cable Runway  
**Manufacturer:** Fenland Leisure Products

**Risk Level:** V - Very Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** The overhanging foliage forms a hard object within the falling space of the equipment in contravention of the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1

**Action:** Cut back and maintain a 2m falling space



**i** 8 - Low Risk (Finding 6)

**Item:** Other - Cable Runway  
**Manufacturer:** Fenland Leisure Products

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** The seat is less than 2.0 metres from the post when extended at 45 degrees at the end of the area of travel and does not meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 4  
**Action:** Adjust the cable stop position to ensure the minimum distance is maintained

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 7)

**Item:** Other - Cable Runway  
**Manufacturer:** Fenland Leisure Products

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** There is some strimmer / machinery damage apparent on the posts, this can penetrate the preservative applied to the timber and accelerate the rotting process  
**Action:** Monitor for any deterioration (rot) and replace as required

**i** 8 - Low Risk (Finding 8)

**Item:** Other - Cable Runway  
**Manufacturer:** Fenland Leisure Products

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** There is algae or moss on the surface of the equipment

**Action:** Clean and treat appropriately



**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 9)

**Item:** Other - Cable Runway  
**Manufacturer:** Fenland Leisure Products

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** There are a number of redundant staples attached to the equipment **Action:** Remove redundant staples