

ALDBURY PARISH COUNCIL WARDENS UPDATE: FEBRUARY 2025

AREA	ALLOTMENTS & MILLENNIUM ORCHARD
TO CHECK	Fencing & gates, benches, trees, hedges & shrubs, grass height, signs, footpaths, housekeeping, ground conditions
INSPECTION DATES	31/01, 7/02, 14/02, 21/02
ISSUES TO REPORT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The grass height remains at an appropriate height. 2. Public footpaths were accessible but slippery in some areas. Waymarkers were intact and in good condition. 3. Most plots continue to be well maintained. 4. Fences, gates, and benches remain in fair condition. 5. A small section of the donkey paddock fence has been strengthened, but overall, the fencing is ramshackle and in poor condition.

AREA	PLAYGROUNDS
TO CHECK	Equipment, Safety Information, Fencing & Gates, Benches, Trees, Grass height, General ground conditions, Empty litter bin.
INSPECTION DATES	31/01, 7/02, 14/02, 21/02 Tring Station
ISSUES TO REPORT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. No new faults were found on the playground equipment. 7. User and ownership information were available for both playgrounds. 8. Grass maintenance meets stated mowing requirements. 9. The fences and benches were in fair condition. Gates functioned properly. 10. The litter bin was emptied on the 31st of January and 21st of February. <p style="text-align: center;">Outstanding Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground signage needs amending to meet best practice standards. • A rubber bolt cover inside the fort requires reinstatement. • New swing chains and a seat need fitting. This will be done at the first opportunity.

AREA	RECREATION GROUND
TO CHECK	Tennis court, Basketball area, Pavilion, Fencing, Benches/seats, Bollards, Trees & vegetation, Grass height, car park, Litter & dog waste bins, Footpaths.
INSPECTION DATES	31/01, 7/02, 14/02, 21/02
ISSUES TO REPORT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. Grass maintenance adheres to the prescribed mowing specifications. 12. Weekly litter picks were conducted. Litter and dog waste bins are being emptied weekly by DBC. 13. Moss and algae have built up on the tennis court. The court will be cleaned w/c 10th March. 14. A large veteran oak tree (T3), itemised in the Tree Survey report, has been marked with red paint (Photos 1 & 2). Clerk notified. 15. Motorbike tyre marks were seen on the football pitch on the 21st of February (Photo 3). APC might wish to alert the local PCSO. <p>Outstanding items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A dead tree, propped unsteadily against another tree, needs to be removed. • Low tree branches around the boundary need to be trimmed to ensure unobstructed tractor mowing with a clearance of 2.75 meters.

AREA	VILLAGE GREEN(S) & POND
TO CHECK	Benches, Trees, Pond, Grass height, Stocks, Litter Bins, Notice board.
DATES	3/01, 10/01, 17/01, 24/01
ISSUES TO REPORT	<p>16. The benches were found in good condition.</p> <p>17. The trees showed no obvious defects.</p> <p>18. Grass remains at a suitable height, although wear and tear from pedestrian traffic is apparent.</p> <p>19. Several wooden posts on the village green have been dislodged by motor vehicles. All reinstated.</p> <p>20. Weekly litter picking was conducted.</p> <p>21. Litter bins were present and in good condition.</p> <p>22. Notice board showed up-to-date and relevant information. Structure remains sound.</p>

AREA	HIGHWAY'S, PUBLIC FOOTPATHS & DITCHES
TO CHECK	Surfaces, Pedestrian routes, Signage, Drainage, Grit bins, Litter, Street lamps, Bollards, kissing gates, Notice board (Tring Station)
DATES	31/01, 7/02, 14/02, 21/02
ISSUES TO REPORT	<p>23. Streetlights were checked on 15th of February. All were working, apart from a faulty streetlight opposite the Church, which has been reported to HCC, Ref No: 401004547735. A faulty streetlight on the corner of Beggars Lane is now working. HCC Ref No: 401004487904.</p> <p>24. Litter picking was conducted on Stocks Road (to the parish boundary), New Ground Road (to the GUC bridge), Station Road (GUC bridge to Aldbury Village), Malting Lane, Stonycroft, and Toms Hill to FP15.</p> <p>25. Thames Water were notified that a leak has occurred again by Greening Farm.</p> <p>26. A pothole in Trooper Road opposite the entrance to the allotments has been repaired by HCC. Ref No: 401004547295.</p> <p>27. HCC have repaired a two potholes in Newground Road near Brightwood Ref No: 401004529494 (Photo 4). Similarly, a large pothole in Kiln Road has also been repaired by HCC. Ref No: 401004529305</p> <p>28. Obstructions blocking three drains in the village have been cleared; this includes a drain in Station Road (opposite the church). Ref No: 401003990125, a drain in Stocks Road (near Applegarth) Ref No: 401003990137 and a drain on Toms Hill (opposite Vimy Ridge). Ref No: 401004334822.</p> <p>29. Drainage ditch south of Stonycroft was free of debris and coping with rainfall.</p> <p>30. A village gateway has been installed in Tring Station (Photo 5).</p> <p>31. Mosaic Bespoke Ltd, the building company responsible for the construction works at Greening Farm, will be reinstating the 'Kill Your Speed' sign in Stocks Road on the 25th of February.</p> <p>Outstanding Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restoration of streetlighting at the Recreation Ground entrance and Malting Lane junction (APC in active discussion with HCC). • Reinstatement of waymarker in Hitchins Field. Clerk has prompted DBC. • DBC to install new street nameplate on Toms Hill. Ref No: 895084.

PHOTOGRAPHS

