

ALDBURY PARISH COUNCIL WARDENS UPDATE: JANUARY 2025

AREA	ALLOTMENTS & MILLENNIUM ORCHARD
TO CHECK	Fencing & gates, benches, trees, hedges & shrubs, grass height, signs, footpaths, housekeeping, ground conditions
INSPECTION DATES	3/01, 10/01, 17/01, 24/01
ISSUES TO REPORT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The grass is being maintained at a suitable height. 2. Public footpaths were accessible but had slippery sections. All Waymarkers were in place and found in good condition. 3. Most plots showed signs of proper housekeeping. 4. Fences, gates, and benches were in fair condition. 5. A small section of the donkey paddock fence is unstable and could potentially collapse (Photo 1). Parish clerk has been informed.

AREA	PLAYGROUNDS
TO CHECK	Equipment, Safety Information, Fencing & Gates, Benches, Trees, Grass height, General ground conditions, Empty litter bin.
INSPECTION DATES	3/01, 10/01, 17/01, 24/01 Tring Station 24/01
ISSUES TO REPORT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. No new faults were found on the playground equipment. 7. Both playgrounds had user and ownership information in place. 8. The grass maintenance met the specified mowing standards. 9. The fences and benches were sturdy. Gates operated correctly. 10. The litter bin was emptied on January 3rd, 10th and 24th. <p style="text-align: center;">Outstanding Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground signage needs updating in accordance with best practice standards. • A bolt cover inside the fort requires reinstatement. This will be repaired w/c 3rd February. • The installation of new swing chains and a seat is required. The equipment was delivered and will be installed w/c 3rd February. • The bird rocker has an unsteady base. Needs investigation and repair. This will be repaired w/c 3rd February.

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	3/01, 10/01, 17/01, 24/01
ISSUES TO REPORT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. Grass maintenance adheres to the prescribed mowing specifications. 12. Weekly litter picks showed no major concerns. DBC is emptying the litter and dog waste bin weekly. 13. Moss and algae have accumulated on the tennis court. The clerk is obtaining a quotation from cleaning services. <p>Outstanding items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A partially fallen tree needs to be removed as it will obstruct mowing activities when they resume. Moreover, the tree is leaning against another tree, which poses some risk. The fallen tree measures approximately seven metres in length. • Prune low tree branches around the boundary to allow unobstructed tractor mowing (2.75 m clearance is needed).

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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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14. The benches were in good condition. 15. The trees showed no obvious defects, though some dead wood had fallen to the ground. 16. The height of the grass meets the mowing specification. 17. Some of the wooden posts on the village green showed signs of being struck by motor vehicles. 18. Weekly litter picking was conducted. 19. Litter bins were present and in good condition. DBC are emptying bins on a weekly basis. 20. Notice board displayed current and relevant information. Structure is sound.

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	3/01, 10/01, 17/01, 24/01
ISSUES TO REPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 21. APC is currently in active discussions with HCC regarding the matter of the missing streetlights. This has included an onsite meeting with an HCC official to discuss future steps. 22. Streetlights were checked on January 20th. All were working, apart from a malfunctioning streetlamp located at the corner of Beggars Lane. This was reported to HCC, Ref No: 401004487904. HCC has acknowledged the issue but have not provided an estimated repair date. 23. Litter picking was conducted on Stocks Road (to the parish boundary), New Ground Road (to the GUC bridge), Station Road (from the GUC bridge to the Railway bridge), Malting Lane, Stonycroft, and Toms Hill to FP6. 24. Discarded unopened items like alcohol, food, baby products, and beauty supplies have been found in recent litter picks on New Ground Road. 25. The ditch/drain located south of Stonycroft has been routinely checked for obstructions and pooling water. It has been observed that the water is flowing without impediment and is coping with heavy rainfall (Photos 2 & 3). 26. The Clerk has previously reported a fallen waymarker in Hitchins Field (FP63) to DBC. Unfortunately, it has not been reinstated (Photo 4). The lack of a correctly positioned waymarker is causing confusion for visitors with some mistakenly walking along the gallops. The Clerk had prompted DBC. 27. A new entrance on Stocks Road is under construction (Photo 5). The construction company has removed a 'Kill Your Speed' sign, which is necessary for slowing down motorists approaching the village. APC may wish to establish if the sign is to be reinstated once the work is complete. 28. Thames Water have been notified about a leak near the Greenings Farm driveway (Photo 6). Escaping water is not hindering road users but could become dangerous if weather conditions turn very cold. 29. A damaged sign by the Beggars Lane/Station Road junction has been reinstated by HCC. Ref No: 401004450693. <p>Outstanding Items</p>

- Reinstall streetlights at the Recreation Ground entrance and Malting Lane junction. Please refer to previous update reports for HCC reference numbers.

The following blocked drains and gullies are included in the scheduled HCC drain unblocking programme:

- Station Road (opposite the church). Ref No: 401003990125
- Stocks Road (near Applegarth). Ref No: 401003990137
- Toms Hill (opposite Vimy Ridge). Ref No: 401004334822.
- HCC to remove vegetation growing across the pavement on Toms Hill (Ref No: 401004383616). HCC has sent a notice to a resident to cut/remove the vegetation.
- DBC to install new street nameplate on Toms Hill. Ref No: 895084.

PHOTOGRAPHS



