

ALDBURY PARISH COUNCIL WARDENS UPDATE: MARCH 2024

AREA	ALLOTMENTS & MILLENNIUM ORCHARD
TO CHECK	Fencing & gates, benches, trees, hedges & shrubs, grass height, signs, footpaths, housekeeping, ground conditions
INSPECTION DATES	01/03, 08/03,15/03, 25/03, 29/03
ISSUES TO REPORT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fences, gates, and benches were found in reasonable condition. 2. Perimeter hedges and shrubs were observed tidy and not overgrown. 3. Grass is at a suitable height. 4. Footpath surfaces remain slippery in places. Pathways are well demarcated across the orchard (Photo 1). Waymarkers are in place. 5. Allotment activity increasing as Spring approaches. Generally, good housekeeping is being observed by plot holders.

AREA	PLAYGROUNDS
TO CHECK	Equipment, Safety Information, Fencing & Gates, Benches, Trees, Grass height, General ground conditions, Empty litter bin.
INSPECTION DATES	01/03, 08/03,15/03, 25/03, 29/03 Tring Station 08/03, 25/03
ISSUES TO REPORT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. User information signage was in situ and legible at both playgrounds. As previously reported, a new sign is required at Tring Station playground to notify visitors that the facility is managed/maintained by APC. 7. The following issues were found at Tring Station playground: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Plastic steering wheel needs refixing on the play train (Photo 2). Very loose. ▪ Rotting soft timber is evident on a climbing frame (Photo 3),. Clerk informed. APC may want Wildwood (manufacturer/installer) to inspect. 8. Grass has recently been mowed at both playgrounds. 9. On immediately entering the Aldbury Playground, the ground is worn/bare and can become slippery after heavy rainfall. APC may wish to arrange repair i.e. reseeding/turfing. 10. Litter bin at Aldbury Playground was emptied on the 25th of March. 11. Fences remain in reasonable condition. Entrance gates were operating properly at both playgrounds.

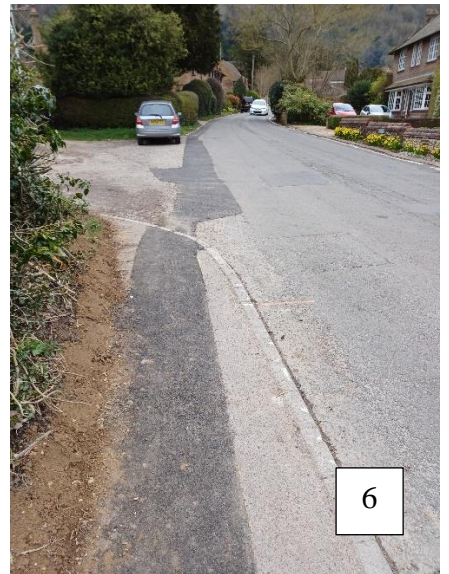
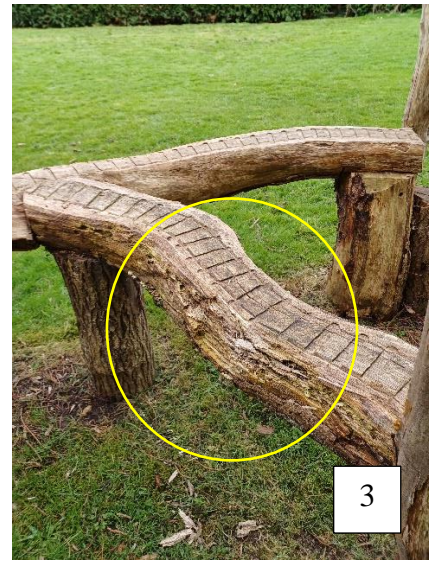
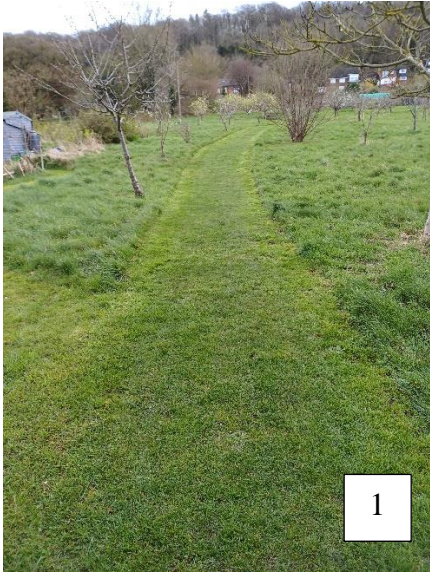
AREA	RECREATION GROUND
TO CHECK	Tennis court, Basketball area, Pavilion, Fencing, Benches/seats, Bollards, Trees & vegetation, Grass height, car park, Litter & dog waste bins, Footpaths.
INSPECTION DATES	01/03, 08/03,15/03, 25/03, 29/03
ISSUES TO REPORT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 12. Grass has recently been mown and fulfils the specification. 13. Wear and tear is noticeable on the football pitch, notably the goalmouths. It is understood repairs are the responsibility of the Sports Club. 14. Weekly litter picking was undertaken. 15. Algae/moss is discernible on the tennis court. Continue to monitor. 16. A resident has enquired if the tennis court booking procedure can be prominently displayed at the recreation ground to avoid confusion. 17. Essential tree works have been completed, including the removal of a fallen tree (border with Greening Farm) and lopping of dead branches from a large oak tree (top right-hand corner). 18. The basketball area is in a sorry state of repair (Photo 4). APC are considering a quote for weeding of the basketball area. APC may wish to carry out a risk assessment to determine if further works are necessary..

	<p>Outstanding items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lack of well-defined car parking bay markings. APC have received a quote of £780 including VAT from MB Lining Ltd to paint car parking bays.
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AREA	VILLAGE GREEN(S) & POND
TO CHECK	Benches, Trees, Pond, Grass height, Stocks, Litter Bins, Notice board.
DATES	01/03, 08/03,15/03, 25/03, 29/03
ISSUES TO REPORT	<p>19. Grass has been cut and complies with the APC mowing specification.</p> <p>20. Weekly litter picking was carried out.</p> <p>21. Benches were found in fair condition.</p> <p>22. No faults were visible on the trees.</p> <p>23. Notice board information is up to date.</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	01/03, 08/03,15/03, 25/03, 29/03
ISSUES TO REPORT	<p>24. All streetlamps were found in working order during the evening of the 9th of March.</p> <p>25. Litter picking was completed throughout the village, including Stocks Road (to the walled garden), New Ground Road (to the former isolation hospital), Station Road (to the Church Farm entrance), Malting Lane, Stonycroft and Toms Hill.</p> <p>26. Toms Hill drain work has been undertaken by Ringway. A replacement pipe has been installed most of the way down Toms Hill to the Peace Hall. New manhole covers are in place (Photos 5, 6 7 and 8).</p> <p>27. HCC informed that blocked drains/gullies in Malting Lane (x 2), Station Road (opposite the church) and Stocks Road (near Applegarth) have been added to the HCC annual drain unblocking programme. Ref No's 401003990129, 401003990131, 401003990125 and 401003990137 respectively.</p> <p>28. HCC have inspected a sunken drain near the Church Farm entrance and decided that it currently does not warrant repair (Photo 9). Ref No: 401003990133.</p> <p>29. Several well used public footpaths continue to prove tricky for walkers, notably by gates, where surfaces can become worn and waterlogged (Photo 10).</p> <p>30. Three large potholes in New Ground Road have been reported to HCC following concerns expressed by several local motorists. (Photo 11). Ref No: 401004060877.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Outstanding Items</p> <p>31. Fallen tree is lying in a drainage ditch (south of Stonycroft). Landowner was notified. The Clerk will chase it up.</p> <p>32. Reinstatement of missing road markings. at the New Ground Road/Stonycroft Junction. Ref No: 401003875518.</p>

PHOTOGRAPHS





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