

ALDBURY PARISH COUNCIL WARDENS UPDATE: JULY 2023

AREA	ALLOTMENTS & MILLENNIUM ORCHARD
TO CHECK	Fencing & gates, benches, trees & shrubs, grass height, signs, footpaths, housekeeping, ground conditions
INSPECTION DATES	30/06, 7/07, 14/07, 21/07, 28/07
ISSUES TO REPORT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fences, gates, and benches were seen in fair condition. 2. Grass height is meeting the mowing specification. Pathways crossing the orchard were well defined. 3. Housekeeping standards are improving. In the main, the site is tidy, and most allotment holders take considerable pride in maintaining allotments to a good standard. 4. Information signs and public footpath waymarkers were prominent and legible. 5. A gate latch is not functioning correctly (Photo 1). Clerk informed. 6. Orchard trees are becoming full of fruit and should prove a helpful resource for residents this summer.

AREA	PLAYGROUNDS
TO CHECK	Equipment, Safety Information, Fencing & Gates, Benches, Trees, Grass height, General ground conditions, Empty litter bin.
INSPECTION DATES	30/06, 7/07, 14/07, 21/07, 28/07 Tring Station 13/07, 28/07
ISSUES TO REPORT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Grass height is meeting the mowing specification. 8. A weekly inspection of the Aldbury playground took place. It was observed that a few vertical Log World posts are showing early signs of decay (Photo 2). 9. Lately essential maintenance was conducted on the Log World; this included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Climbing net fixtures adjusted to increase stability. - Two logs chamfered by 3mm to enhance safety. 10. A wobbly climbing frame upright at the Tring Station playground needs strengthening (Photo 3). Clerk informed. 11. Parent expressed concerns about a cradle swing seat - perished rubber is visible. APC may wish to consider replacement (Photo 4). 12. Litter bin emptied on the 15th and 28th of July. 13. Signage was in place and legible at both playgrounds. 14. Fences and gates were viewed in fair condition.

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	30/06, 7/07, 14/07, 21/07, 28/07
ISSUES TO REPORT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 15. Grass height is meeting the mowing specification. 16. Weekly litter picks were undertaken. 17. Three car park wooden posts have been toppled/damaged. Logs shall be installed soon, replacing the wooden posts that are prone to considerable damage caused by motor vehicles. 18. Two discarded car tyres were collected by DBC. Ref No: 817937. 19. The Tennis court surface is in good condition aided by recent cleaning/maintenance. 20. No obvious defects were noted on the mature trees. A tree condition survey is taking place this month. Report to follow.

	<p>21. Car park hedge is overgrown. Consider cutting back in November.</p> <p>22. The basketball area by the Sports Pavilion is rundown. If realistic, APC may wish to arrange repair (Photo 5).</p>
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AREA	VILLAGE GREEN(S) & POND
TO CHECK	Benches, Trees, Pond, Grass height, Stocks, Litter Bins, Notice board.
DATES	30/06, 7/07, 14/07, 21/07, 28/07
ISSUES TO REPORT	<p>23. Grass height is meeting the mowing specification.</p> <p>24. Mature trees seem in good condition. No visible defects.</p> <p>25. Weekly litter picks were conducted.</p> <p>26. No defects spotted on benches.</p> <p>27. Clerk is arranging painting of the finger signpost. Quotation for painting the main centre support post of the black and white sections - £75</p> <p>28. Vegetation build-up is visible in the pond (Photo 6). Corrective works are scheduled for September/ October.</p> <p>29. The village noticeboard is decayed and unsteady. APC are replacing.</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	30/06, 7/07, 14/07, 21/07, 28/07 (Streetlamps) 24/07
ISSUES TO REPORT	<p>30. All streetlamps were working.</p> <p>31. DBC have installed a street nameplate in Stonycroft (Photo 7). Ref No: 76914.</p> <p>32. An overgrown hedge, untidy vegetation and an overhanging tree are impeding pedestrians using Toms Hill. (Photo 8 and 9). Also, overgrown shrubbery has concealed two road signs (Photo 10). Clerk alerting property owners.</p> <p>33. Overrun hedges between Clarkes Spring and Northbridge Road have recently been cut back by HCC. Ref No: 401003538164.</p> <p>34. HCC has scheduled work to remove graffiti from a road sign by the Beggars Lane / Station Road Junction. Ref No: 401003475040.</p> <p>35. Litter picking was conducted in Stocks Road (to the walled garden), New Ground Road (to the canal bridge), Station Road (to Church Farm) and Tring Station (GUC Bridge to station drop-off entrance).</p> <p>36. <u>The following DBC work remains outstanding.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Decayed wooden stile by the tennis court (FP 58) will be removed by DBC. <p>37. <u>The following HCC Highway work remains outstanding.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Faded markings by the Stonycroft junction (Ref No: 401002519044). - Uneven road surface by the pond. Ref No: 401003511836 - Blocked drain opposite the church (Ref No: 401003062584). - Maintenance cover lifting during heavy rainfall near the Toms Hill/Stocks Road junction (Ref No: 401003153069). HCC Drainage team are looking to fund corrective works in the 2023/24 budget year. - Flood problem by the Tring Station railway bridge (Ref No: 401003099775). HCC Drainage Team are aiming for repair works in the 2023/24 budget year (Ref No: 401003156048). - Blocked drain in Stocks Road (by Applegarth), Ref No: 401003245782. - Blocked drain by Toms Hill/Station Road Junction. Ref No: 401003245784.

- Blocked storm drains/gullies in Tring Station (Station Road). Ref No: 401003164554.
- Three blocked drains on Toms Hill. Ref No: 401003446361.
- Blocked drain on Stocks Road (near the walled Garden). Ref No: 401003446472.

PHOTOGRAPHS



