

ALDBURY PARISH COUNCIL WARDENS UPDATE: MAY 2024

AREA	ALLOTMENTS & MILLENNIUM ORCHARD
TO CHECK	Fencing & gates, benches, trees, hedges & shrubs, grass height, signs, footpaths, housekeeping, ground conditions
INSPECTION DATES	10/05, 17/05, 24/05
ISSUES TO REPORT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fences, gates, and benches were found in sound condition. 2. Trees seem in healthy condition, no obvious defects. 3. Grass has been regularly mown ensuring sward is at a suitable height. 4. Public footpaths were well demarcated, with waymarkers in place. Ground conditions have improved.. 5. Housekeeping was good, with most plots well maintained.

AREA	PLAYGROUNDS
TO CHECK	Equipment, Safety Information, Fencing & Gates, Benches, Trees, Grass height, General ground conditions, Empty litter bin.
INSPECTION DATES	10/05, 17/05, 24/05 Tring Station 26/05
ISSUES TO REPORT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Both playgrounds equipment was visually checked. No new issues identified (please see items 13, 14 & 15 below). 7. Information signage is displayed and legible at both playgrounds. 8. Grass has recently been mown. Both playgrounds look neat and tidy. 9. Aldbury Playground litter bin was emptied twice - 10th and 24th of May. 10. Fences and gates at both playgrounds were in reasonable condition. No faults identified. 11. Overgrown vegetation, comprising of nettles and brambles is present on three sides of the Aldbury Playground fencing (Photos 1 & 2). As an alternative to periodic trimming, APC might consider full clearance represents a better long-term cost/safety option. 12. Using parts from a previous seesaw an innovative bench has been assembled and installed at the Aldbury Playground (Photo 3). Positive feedback received. <p>Outstanding Items</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 13. A new information sign is needed at TS Playground (please see previous reports) 14. An imitation steering wheel requires tightening on the play train. 15. Timber play structure at the TS Playground is decayed in places. APC awaiting RoSPA's upcoming inspection/findings/recommendations.

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	10/05, 17/05, 24/05
ISSUES TO REPORT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 16. Tennis court is generally in good order. Algae/moss is noticeable outside of the court markings. Net is coming to the end of its lifespan. Continue to monitor. 17. APC might wish to review open access policy to the Tennis Court. It is understood that roller skaters and cyclists have been seen using the surface. Consider controlled access via a combination padlock.

	<p>18. Grass has been regularly mown/maintained. Meets the mowing specification.</p> <p>19. A weekly litter pick was completed. Despite rising visitor numbers, litter remains low.</p> <p>20. Football goalmouths are worn. It is understood that the Sports Club hold full responsibility for repair.</p> <p>21. A heavy log has been hit/dislodged and is now jutting on to the car park hard surface. (Photo 4). This represents a hazard.</p> <p>Outstanding items</p> <p>22. The basketball area is rundown and is unlikely to attract use by local young people.</p>
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AREA	VILLAGE GREEN(S) & POND
TO CHECK	Benches, Trees, Pond, Grass height, Stocks, Litter Bins, Notice board.
DATES	10/05, 17/05, 24/05
ISSUES TO REPORT	<p>23. Older benches were in fair condition.</p> <p>24. No defects were seen on the trees i.e. broken branches.</p> <p>25. Grass has been frequently mown to a standard that meets the APC specification.</p> <p>26. Weekly litter picking was completed. Low level of litter found.</p> <p>27. Litter bins are in place and in reasonable condition. Bin by the tennis court is tilted but is stable.</p> <p>28. Parish notice board information was current, relevant, and well presented.</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	10/05, 17/05, 24/05
ISSUES TO REPORT	<p>29. Streetlamps were working correctly on the 16th of May.</p> <p>30. Regular litter picking was completed in the parish. Litter picking routes included Stocks Road (to the walled garden), New Ground Road (from GUC bridge), Station Road (to railway station bridge), Malting Lane, Stonycroft and Toms Hill.</p> <p>31. Branches growing from the cemetery are hiding a highway sign telling road users that school children are nearby. Clerk has notified the Churchwarden who is instigating remedial works.</p> <p>32. A pothole/sunken drain in Station Road was repaired by HCC (close to Church Farm entrance). Ref No:401004120916 (Photo 5).</p> <p>33. Notice board information at TS needs updating to ensure it remains relevant.</p> <p>Outstanding Items</p> <p>34. A tree needs removal from an open drain/ditch (south of Stonycroft). The tree is restricting free flow of water.</p> <p>35. Blocked drains/gullies in Malting Lane (x 2), Station Road (opposite the church) and Stocks Road (near Applegarth). HCC ref No's 401003990129, 401003990131, 401003990125 and 401003990137 respectively. HCC have added the drains to the unblocking programme.</p> <p>36. Missing/faded road markings at the Stonycroft/Trooper Road junction. HCC Ref No: 401003875. Please see previous report concerning HCC findings.</p>

PHOTOGRAPHS

