

ALDBURY PARISH COUNCIL WARDENS UPDATE: MAY 2023

AREA	ALLOTMENTS & MILLENNIUM ORCHARD
TO CHECK	Fencing & gates, benches, trees & shrubs, grass height, signs, footpaths, housekeeping, ground conditions
INSPECTION DATES	12/05, 19/05, 26/05
ISSUES TO REPORT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Most fences remain in fair condition. Please see previous reports concerning the general condition of the donkey paddock fencing. 2. A broken gate has been repaired; this includes reattaching a latch (Photo 1). 3. Grass height is meeting the mowing specification and has lately been cut. 4. Despite a weathered appearance, the orchard benches are currently in a satisfactory condition. 5. All signs/waymarkers were prominent, in place and legible. 6. FP6 has been cut and is well defined. FP7 running behind the allotments was free of obstructions.

AREA	PLAYGROUNDS
TO CHECK	Equipment, Safety Information, Fencing & Gates, Benches, Trees, Grass height, General ground conditions, Empty litter bin.
INSPECTION DATES	12/05, 19/05, 26/05 Tring Station 22/05
ISSUES TO REPORT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Grass height fulfils the mowing specification and has recently been cut. 8. The Aldbury Playground fence was seen in reasonable condition; however, nettles were growing by the fence and will need strimming back (Photo 2). 9. Play equipment was visually checked. It was noted that the rubber tile surface underneath the swings and see saw has shifted. This movement has made gaps and is considered a potential tripping hazard. No other defects were observed. 10. In relation to 9 above, it is understood further funding has been successfully acquired by APC towards playground improvements. 11. The annual safety inspection has been booked by the Clerk, subject to APC approving a quote of £150 plus VAT from RoSPA to carry out the annual inspection. 12. Playground signage was in place and legible. 13. Please see last report about a missing sign at the Tring Station playground. This sign informed users that the upkeep of the play area is an APC responsibility. 14. Numerous empty alcohol cans/bottles were removed from Aldbury playground on Friday 26th May. This is an isolated incident this year. 15. A tree has been planted at Tring Station Playground (by TSRA) to commemorate the recent coronation (Photo 3).

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	12/05, 19/05, 26/05
ISSUES TO REPORT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 16. Grass height was fulfilling the mowing specification. 17. Essential football pitch renovation remains outstanding (Photo 4). Goalmouths lack sward, surface levels are uneven, and soil is compacted. 18. Weekly litter picks were conducted. Litter remains low. 19. Dense scrub close to the sports pavilion has been cleared (Photo 5). 20. No discernible defects were identified on the mature trees.

	<p>21. A Tree Inspection Survey has been organised by the Clerk. Once complete, the findings will help APC manage identifiable/significant risks from the trees.</p> <p>22. There is a missing car park post, which has left a sizeable gap. APC may wish to install a new post at the earliest opportunity to deter unauthorised vehicles being driven on to the field.</p> <p>23. Fly tipping (tyre) has been removed/collected by DBC.</p> <p>24. The legs of a wooden stile (FP 58), close to the tennis court, are decayed and unsteady (Photo 6). Clerk is alerting Clayton Rae, the DBC Countryside Access Officer.</p>
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AREA	VILLAGE GREEN(S) & POND
TO CHECK	Benches, Trees, Pond, Grass height, Stocks, Litter Bins, Notice board.
DATES	12/05, 19/05, 26/05
ISSUES TO REPORT	<p>25. Grass height complies with the mowing specification.</p> <p>26. Finger Signpost has flaking paintwork. Clerk is pursuing a contractor quotation.</p> <p>27. Weekly litter picks were conducted.</p> <p>28. All older benches were seen in fair condition. The new bench recognising the late Queen's long service is proving popular and well utilised.</p> <p>29. The village noticeboard is in a poor condition. It is understood that APC will be considering quotes to replace the noticeboard.</p> <p>30. No visible defects on the trees.</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	12/05, 19/05, 26/05 (Streetlamps) 12/05 and 26/05
ISSUES TO REPORT	<p>31. Three blocked drains on Toms Hill have been reported to HCC Highways. Ref No: 401003446361. Likewise, a drain on Stocks Road (near the walled Garden) is blocked Ref No: 401003446472. Subsequently HCC have stated that these drains have been added to the annual drain dig out schedule.</p> <p>32. Overgrown vegetation has reduced the pavement width in Station Road (Tring Station). HCC have been notified. Ref No:401003461104.</p> <p>33. Pothole in Trooper Road has been repaired by HCC highways (Photo 8).</p> <p>34. A property owner has installed new fence panels bordering FP6; this replaces panels that had fallen across the footpath.</p> <p>35. All streetlamps were viewed in good working order.</p> <p>36. Litter picking was completed along Stocks Road (to the walled garden), New Ground Road (to the former isolation hospital), Station Road (to Church Farm) and Tring Station (GUC Bridge to station drop-off entrance).</p> <p>37. <u>The following DBC work remains outstanding.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Replace missing 'Stonycroft' street nameplate Ref No: 769147. <p>38. <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). - Blocked drain opposite the church (Ref No: 401003062584). - Manhole 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 financial year.

- Flood problem by the Tring Station railway bridge (Ref No: 401003099775). HCC Drainage Team are aiming for repair works in the 2023/24 financial 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.

PHOTOGRAPHS



