



Quarterly Play Area Report – (July / Aug / Sept 2024)

The last monthly Play Area Report was presented to the 25th of July 2024 Full Council Meeting.

Updates since the last report

Annual Play Inspection Reports.

These were received and reported to Full Council on September 18th 2024 and it was advised that as all matters were considered low risk there were no urgent issues to remedy however in terms of preventative maintenance the Deputy Clerk would liaise with the Open Spaces Working Group to see which work they may wish to propose in-year so that quotations can be obtained.

Weekly Inspection Reports – these are commissioned by ATC from NWBC. See Dropbox and agenda item for latest reports. No urgent matters are identified.

Graffiti Project (mainly St Mary's Rd) – A complaint has been received on the 10th of July 2024 from a parent regarding the extensive and inappropriate graffiti on the toddler play equipment at St Mary's Rd. At the site visit on 16.7.24 some graffiti was removed by a small working party of councillors but not entirely cleared. Stronger cleaning products were required and advice is awaited on this from Streetscape Ltd.

Alternative products were sourced and on the 20th of September 2024 a trial was held by a working party of councillors but did not report any improvement.

Recommendation 1: Ask HAGS for advice on painting over or replacing worst affected panels.

Recommendation 2: Consult with local residents and recent complainants about tackling graffiti and other ways of improving the park overall. Early Years Centre/ local residents/ parents. Investigate funding opportunities.

Recommendation 3: Promote CCTV awareness on site. (see report by Cllr Chambers earlier in the agenda). plus working with PCSO's to address antisocial behaviour/vandalism.

Recommendation 4: Take down redundant signage on site. Put up Dog Fouling signage – these have been supplied free of charge by NWBC for open space areas including the play areas.



Community Forum – Play Areas - was held on 18th September 2024. A Q&A session was held with Deborah Sharp from NWBC in attendance. Particular discussions were held regarding accessibility of play areas and the process of commissioning new equipment.

[Ongoing tasks for the next quarter](#)

Annual Report – liaise with Open Spaces Group and get quotations for work they consider needs addressing.

Play Area Site Signage:

Place order for approved quotation of £295.50 from Tiger Graphics for the Play Area signage subject to approval of the final design & wording by the Clerk / Deputy Clerk in consultation with the Open Spaces Working Group.

Westwood Rd:

Zip wire – parts are on order – then due for installation.

Wooden beam – parts are on order – then due for installation.

Litter bin – bin has arrived and concrete base installed ready for completion week commencing 21st October 2024.

Westwood Road Site Lease - updating of lease with Piecemaster ongoing.

St Mary's Park:

Vandalised Bin – the police are working towards a Community resolution for this incident. I will notify councillors as I get updates.

Spot Welding – St Mary's

Spring Ship – HAGS had intended to carry out the weld to this damper when repairing the wet-pour but this work was unable to be completed as the whole frame required replacing. I have chased this outstanding item on 16.7.24. No reply to date. Keep chasing.

Boundary Trees - resolve with Early Years Centre.