

# Knapton Parish Council | Playground Inspection Form

This checklist records the monthly inspection of the Knapton Playground Area, which is required to;

- maintain the safety of those using the Play Area
- to demonstrate responsible duty of care for insurance purposes

It also looks at the entrance gate and the bench seat and identifies problems and issues found with the equipment and areas within the Playground, such as sharp edges, finger entrapments, broken or damaged items and playground's general condition.

**Person performing check:** Peter Neatherway

**Date:** 29th March 2023

**Signature:** Completed electronically

**Time:** 10:15am

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Please put a tick in the corresponding box as you complete each of the checks

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**Entry Gate checks**



**Metalwork:** fixings and footings free of damage, corrosion etc.

**Fixings:** are secure and undamaged with no sharp edges

**Opens & closes:** completely as should and be obstruction and vegetation free

**Remove:** any cable ties or similar

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**Bench checks**



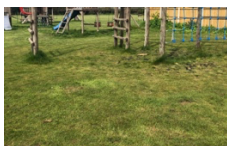
**Secure:** Firmly fixed to the ground

**Condition:** Seat condition in good order and secure with no visual damage

**Fixings and footings:** free of damage, corrosion, vegetation etc.

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**Area checks**



**Grassed area:** free from debris, ruts and vegetation with no slippery areas, moss growth etc.

**Boundary hedge:** is clear of debris and not intruding on/over play area

**No graffiti**

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## Comments:

1. The seat clearly needs to be rubbed down and varnished or similar when the weather improves.
  2. There are some weeds behind the gatepost which will need clearing soon.
  3. The area between the gate and Hall Lane has been seeded by Anglian Water after they installed a sewerage pipe. It is fenced off leaving a narrow access from the road to the gate.
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## Unit 1 checks



- Fall area:** clear of debris, all fixings securely and in place and undamaged
- Climbing Net:** firmly fixed, fully intact, no loose strands
- Climbing Chain:** surface is smooth, tensioned and undamaged
- Monkey Bars:** intact, undamaged and rust free

**Comments:** The grass around the base of the uprights will need trimming soon

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## Unit 2 checks



- Structure:** is firmly fixed to ground, roof / canopy in good order, metalwork and paintwork in good order, fall area clear of debris
- Ladder:** is free of splinters and damage, all fixings securely and in place
- Swings:** all D-loops, fixings and chains in good order, baby seat condition in good order and secure
- Slide:** fixed firmly to structure and ground, all fixings securely and safely in place, slide surface smooth
- Platform:** is free of splinters and damage, no finger entrapments

**Comments:** The grass around the base of the uprights will need trimming soon

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## Unit 3 checks



- Structure:** is firmly fixed to ground, roof / canopy in good order, metalwork and paintwork in good order, fall area clear of debris
- Ladder:** is free of splinters and damage, all fixings securely in place
- Slide:** fixed firmly to structure and ground, all fixings securely in place, slide surface smooth
- Climbing Net:** firmly fixed, fully intact, no loose strands and undamaged
- Platform:** is free of splinters and damage, no finger entrapments
- OXO Rollers:** in good working order, no damage, all fixings securely in place
- Wood Walkway:** is free of splinters and damage, no finger entrapments, all fixings securely in place

**Comments:** The grass around the base of the uprights will need trimming soon

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**Unit 4**  
checks



**Structure:** is firmly fixed to ground, roof/canopy in good order, metalwork and paintwork in good order, fall area clear of debris, Grab handles all secure

**Ladder:** is free of splinters and damage, all fixings securely in place

**Metal Slide Pole:** is securely fixed to unit and ground, metalwork and paintwork in good order with no rust or sharp edges

**Steppingstone Ramp:** all handholds and footings are fixed, firm, secure and safe, ramp is free of splinters and damage

**Swings:** all D-loops, fixings and chains in good order, seat condition in good order and secure

**Slide:** is fixed firmly to structure and ground, all fixings securely in place, slide surface smooth

**Platform:** is free of splinters and damage, no finger entrapments

**Comments:** There was previously damage in the form of a small hole near the base of the slide which was repaired by ALS during their refurbishment. This hole has re-appeared and needs to be re-addressed.

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**Other general comments**

Please feel free to add any additional comments, photos or diagrams related to maintaining the Playground in good order, highlighting those which you feel require urgent attention.

**Comments:** Everything else appears to be fine, but we are obviously waiting for units 1 & 2 to be refurbished to match units 3 & 4.....

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