

MAULDEN PARISH COUNCIL Outdoor Play Equipment – Visual Inspection Form

Site	Wingfield Recreation Ground Play Area	Date 04.10.25
Name	Cllr David Illingworth	

No.	Item description	No.	Item Description	No.	Item Description
1	Gates: Pedestrian x 2 Access x 1	8	Carousel roundabout	15	Rocker Rodeo Board
2	Seating: metal x 2 plastic x 2	9	Rockers: Motorbike + Bird	16	Perimeter fencing
3	Climber Igloo	10	Multi-play: Junior	17	General Surfaces
4	Swing: Junior 2 bay, 4 seats	11	Rocking Horse	18	Litter bins
5	Swing: Toddler 1 bay, 2 seats	12	Rocker gyro spiral	19	Signage
6	Slide Tower	13	Climber rota-web	20	Approach paths
7	Multi-play: Senior	14	Swing pod		

No.	Defect	Risk	Recommended Action
1	Lower gate self closing mechanism not working. Not easy to lock shut. Swinging in the high winds.	6	Replace the mechanism or replace the gate to match the other pedestrian gate.
2	Gaps on the two metal seats exceed 30mm and are known to cause entrapment.	2	No reasonable identifiable action
3	None		
4	None		
5	A few small shards of glass still evident on the surface.	2	Keep watchful eye and remove when seen
6	None		
7	Some sign of wear on shackles	1	Keep watch. No perceived change.
8	Excessive movement on the bearings	10	ROSPA report states 'Dismantle to investigate, replacing components as necessary according to the manufacturer's instructions.'
9	None		
10	None		
11	None		
12	None		
13	None		
14	None		
15	None		
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17	None		
18	Bear litter bin has been replaced but noted that the internal bin is often not replaced properly after emptying.	1	Internal bin needs careful return after emptying.
19	'Own Risk' sign by the top gate is defaced		Clean the sign.
20	None		

COMMENTS

Dog poo! Total absence of any fouling. Well done dog owners!

Likelihood of defect causing harm	Severity of harm likely	Likelihood x severity = Risk Score
1. Very unlikely	No Injury Likely	1-5 VL very low risk, no immediate action required
2. Some likelihood	Some minor Injury likely	6-10 L low risk, monitor and review, action within 3 months
3. Foreseeable	Moderate Injury Likely	11-15 M Moderate risk, monitor and review, action within 2 weeks
4. Very Likely	Serious Injury Expected	16-20 H High risk, action now to take them out of use
5. Almost Certain	Life-changing Injury Expected	21-25 VH Very High risk, immediate action, take item out of use