POULSHOT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE

EXTRAORDINARY

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN THE HUNLOKE HALL

TUESDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2025 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT: Cllr Mike Davis (Chairman)

Cllr Liz Bissett (Vice Chairman)

Cllr Tim Hues

Cllr Chris Dyke

Cllr Frances Nixon

OFFICER: Jeannette Young (Clerk)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: 18 members of the public were in attendance.

There were various questions regarding the planned Village Orchard, some of which had been answered at previous meetings. Requests were made to revise the plans, removing the native trees and including only fruit trees.

89/25/26 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Church.

90/25/26 Declarations of Interest

A declaration was made by Cllr Nixon that her property was near to item 6 on the agenda.

91/25/26 Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Bissett, seconded by Cllr Dyke and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 9th September 2025 as a true record. The Minutes were duly signed by the Chairman, Cllr Davis.

92/25/26 Planning

The following Planning Applications were consideration and comments agreed.

92/25/26.1

Officer's Name:	Fiona Webb	It was proposed by Cllr Bissett, seconded by Cllr Davis and unanimously agreed there were no objections to PL/2025/07314
Application No:	PL/2025/07314	
Application Type:	Listed building consent (Alt/Ext)	
Proposal:	Remove existing unsuitable materials and replacing with breathable alternatives which will help alleviate damp and preserve the fabric of the building.	
Site Address:	TOWNSEND FARMHOUSE, TOWNSEND, POULSHOT, DEVIZES, SN10 1SD	

92/25/26.2

Officer's Name:	Sue Morgan	It was proposed by Cllr Davis, seconded by Cllr Bissett and unanimously agreed there were no objections to PL/2025/07811
Application No:	PL/2025/07811	
Application Type:	Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area	
Proposal:	T1 & T2 - 2 x Silver Birch trees - crown lift to 3m T3 - Red Norway Maple tree - fell	
Site Address:	WHITE BUNGALOW, 2 TOWNSEND, POULSHOT, DEVIZES, SN10 1SD	

93/25/26 Tree Maintence Quotes

Members considered all three quotes, including contractor 3 whose submission arrived too late for publishing on the agenda.

Contractor 1	£9,720.00 includes VAT	
Contractor 2	£6,150.00 includes VAT	
Contractor 3	£6,870.00 includes VAT	

After several questions about where funding would come from, it was proposed by Cllr Davis, seconded by Cllr Dyke and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to go with Contractor 2, whose quote was for £6150.00 this being to complete the first stage of tree maintence on the Village Green, with funds to be taken as follows £500 from the budget, £2000 from earmarked

reserves, and the remaining £3650 to be taken from the instant access account ending in 569.

94/25/26 Village Orchard

After much discussion, a proposal was made by Councillor Davis, seconded by Councillor Bissett, and AGREED that communication would be made with the contractor and grant provider to organise a site meeting, to establish the location of the trees for the previously approved Orchard, being funded by Trees for Climate Grant, from Great Western Community Forest in association with Wiltshire Council, agreed planting to take place in November.

For reference Minutes 97/24/25, 20/25/26 & 53/25/26

95/25/26 Grant Application

Members considered the Grant Application and accompanying documents from the Village Hall. There were several positive comments on the provided documents and thanks offered for such a well put together application. There was one suggestion made, that to try and future proof some elements, maybe installation of USB type Cs should be considered instead of just USB sockets. It was proposed by Cllr Bissett, seconded by Cllr Hues and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve the request for £2850.00 for essential electrical upgrades at Poulshot Village Hal, these to include replacing recessed LED downlights, pendants with moisture-proof strip lights, installing USB sockets, replacing external floodlights, kitchen power adjustments, and adding panel lights, with funding to be taken from the Community Fund.

Score 18/21
Awarded under the General Power of Competence

96/25/26 Permissions Application

The application from the Firework Event Working Group (FEWG), to use the Green Gardens for the 7th of November 2025 for Bonfire and Fireworks was considered. It was confirmed the Health and Safety Risk Assessment had been received and also stated that marshals would be provided with fluorescent waistcoats, with confirmation given that the event would be covered by the Councils Insurance. It was therefore proposed by Cllr Nixon, seconded by Cllr Bissett and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED to give permission to the Firework Event Working Group to use the Green Gardens for the annual Bonfire and Fireworks display.

97/25/26 S106 Agreement

Members reviewed the S106 Side Agreement for Higher Green Farm, Poulshot, Wiltshire, and considered its approval. After clarification on the procedure it was proposed by Cllr Nixon, seconded by Cllr Hues and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Chair, Cllr Davis and the Vice-Chair,

Cllr Bissett sign the S106 Side Agreement on behalf of Poulshot Parish Council. The signing of the Side Agreement was witnessed by the Clerk, Jeannette Young.

98/25/26 New Working Group Terms of Reference

Members discussed the naming of the new working group, its membership and reviewed the terms of reference, before it being proposed by Cllr Dyke, seconded by Cllr Davis and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED the name of the working group should be;- The Wellbeing Open Space, with membership to be 4 Cllrs Hues, Bissett, Dyke and Nixon, and the provided terms of reference adopted, prior to the permissions form being amended and brought back to Members for consideration and approval.

99/25/26 Skip Hire

Members considered the request to approve the extra cost of skip hire due to the invasive plant material. It was then proposed by Cllr Bissett, seconded by Cllr Dyke and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED to approve the skip hire at the extra cost of £345.00 + VAT in relation to the pond clearing and special disposal requirements of the invasive plant material, funding to come from reserves, account ending 969.

100/25/26 Date of next Meeting

The date of 11th November 2025 for the next meeting was noted.

101/25/26 Confidential Session

It was proposed by Cllr Davis, seconded by Cllr Bissett and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to go into a Confidential Session. Cllr Davis requested members of the public to leave the meeting.

102/25/26 Confidential Minutes of the 9th of September 2025

It was therefore proposed by Cllr Dyke, seconded by Cllr Bissett and AGREED that the Confidential Minutes of the 9th of September 2025 were a true record of the meeting, with the discussed comments held with them, these were then duly signed by the Chair, Cllr Davis.

103/25/26 RFO

Offer of contract to be made.

Meeting ended at 21:01

Signed……Date……..

Police Newsletter

We've seen a **slight increase in attempted burglary** reports across our three towns:

- **Melksham**: 5 reports between September and October
- **Bradford on Avon**: 1 report

We believe these may be linked to a **known reoffending burglar**, recently released from prison. He has since been **arrested and recalled to prison**.
As the darker evenings draw in, please remind your communities about our **crime prevention advice** available online. For those unable to access the internet, we're more than happy to arrange a visit.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

ASB has been a key focus over the summer, particularly in **Trowbridge**. Although reported incidents are now falling and people tell us they feel safer, we remain alert — ASB trends often fluctuate.

Current ASB Hotspot Areas:

- **Trowbridge**: St Stephen's Place, Fore Street, Newtown
- **Melksham**: Bank Street, Church Street, Melksham Campus
- **Bradford on Avon**: Train Station

In rural areas, although **numbers remain low**, hotspots include:

- **Westwood, Freshford, Staverton, Hilperton, Southwick, Semington, Seend, Bowerhill**

What Have We Been Up To?

- Conducted **plain clothes and uniformed patrols** (1st Oct) in Trowbridge & Melksham, targeting ASB, drug misuse, and business crime
- **Seized another e-scooter** in Melksham
- **Stop searches** of known criminal nominals carried out
- Sgt Rutter featured on **West Wilts Radio** discussing crime prevention and road safety (available on their website)
- Delivered **school visits and Mini Police sessions** across all three towns
- Held **partnership meetings** on ASB issues and Bradford on Avon mines
- Visited **Trowbridge Mosque** for community engagement
- **Mobile police stations** deployed in Bradford on Avon, Trowbridge, and Melksham
- Launched **Op Jepsom** in Melksham (2 more e-scooters seized)
- Worked with Highways & Rural Crime teams on **fly tipping, illegal fishing, and agricultural patrols**
- Attended **Melksham Pubwatch** meetings

Winter Crime Prevention Advice

Before leaving your home, always:

- Lock all doors and windows — even for short trips
- Double-lock your doors
- Keep valuables out of sight
- Hide keys, handbags, documents — don't leave them near letterboxes or windows
- Shut curtains and leave lights on at night

- Use timers for lights and radios if out all day
- Set your burglar alarm
- Lock side gates, sheds, garages, and bikes

Going away? Remember these 5 tips:

1. Make social media posts private or wait until you return
2. Use timer devices to mimic activity
3. Ask a trusted neighbour to keep an eye out
4. Get them to close curtains and park on your drive
5. Cancel regular deliveries (e.g. newspapers, milk)

🚶 Helping Others Feel Safer on the Streets

Sometimes it's the small things that make a big difference:

- **Keep your distance** from those ahead of you — especially at night
- **Avoid staring** — it can be intimidating
- **Cross the road** if approaching someone from behind while walking or running
- **Keep comments to yourself** — what seems like banter may be upsetting to others
- **Challenge inappropriate behaviour** from friends
- Be an **active bystander** — support anyone who feels unsafe
- **Share these tips** with your community

Stay Connected

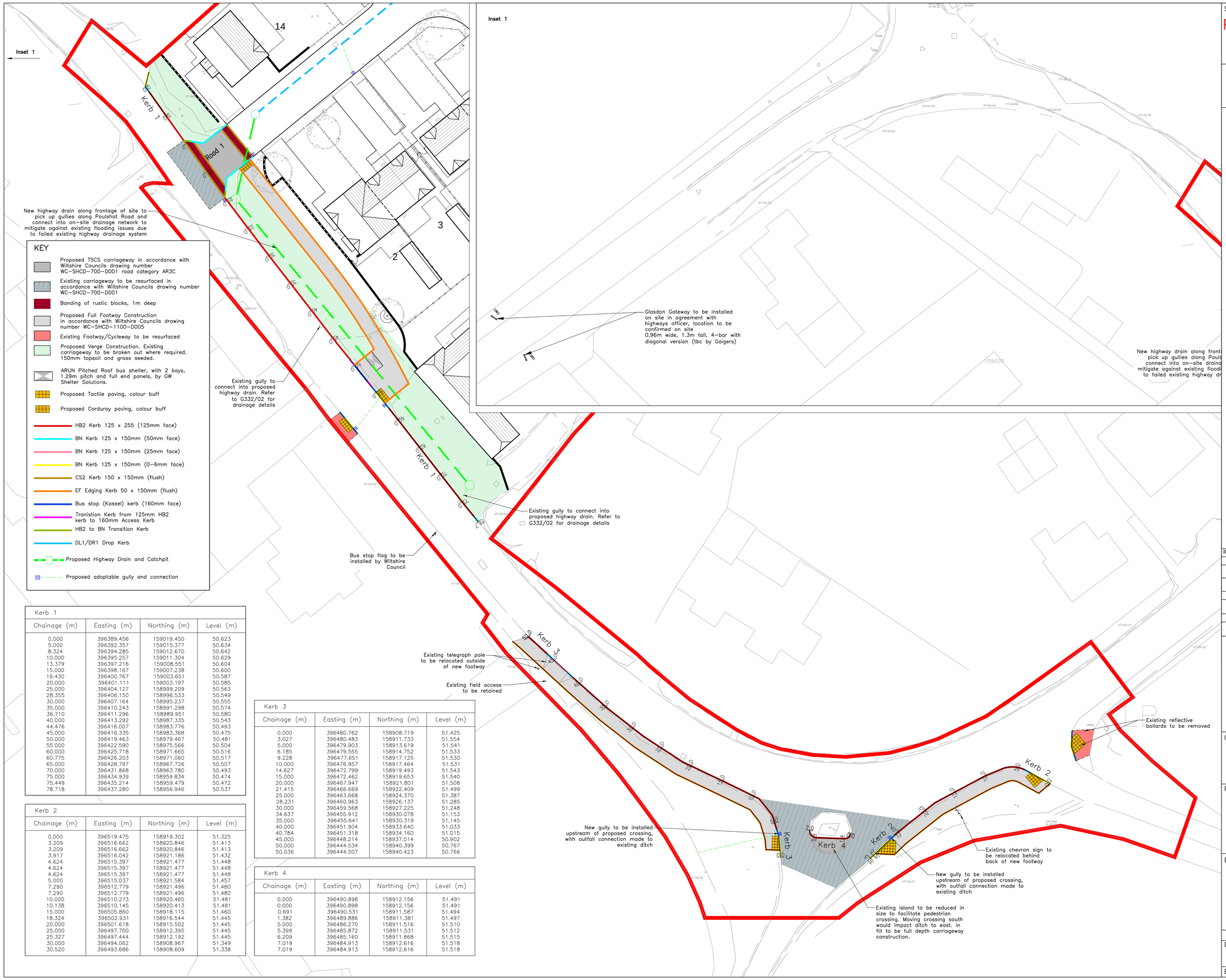
Please share this newsletter with your local groups, neighbourhood watch schemes, and community members. Your continued support makes a big difference to keeping our towns and villages safe.

Thank you for working with us,

Trowbridge Neighbourhood Policing Team

Kind regards

Gemma



KEY

- Proposed TSCS carriageway in accordance with Wiltshire Councils drawing number WC-SHCD-700-D001 road category AR3C
- Existing carriageway to be resurfaced in accordance with Wiltshire Councils drawing number WC-SHCD-700-D001
- Banding of rustic blocks, 1m deep
- Proposed Full Footway Construction in accordance with Wiltshire Councils drawing number WC-SHCD-1100-D005
- Existing Footway/Cycleway to be resurfaced
- Proposed Verge Construction. Existing carriageway to be broken out where required. 150mm topsoil and grass seeded.
- ARUN Pitched Roof bus shelter, with 2 bays, 1.29m pitch and full end panels, by GW Shelter Solutions.
- Proposed Tactile paving, colour buff
- Proposed Corduroy paving, colour buff
- HB2 Kerb 125 x 255 (125mm face)
- BN Kerb 125 x 150mm (50mm face)
- BN Kerb 125 x 150mm (25mm face)
- BN Kerb 125 x 150mm (0-6mm face)
- CS2 Kerb 150 x 150mm (flush)
- EF Edging Kerb 50 x 150mm (flush)
- Bus stop (Kassel) kerb (160mm face)
- Transistion Kerb from 125mm HB2 kerb to 160mm Access Kerb
- HB2 to BN Transition Kerb
- DL1/DR1 Drop Kerb
- Proposed Highway Drain and Catchpit
- Proposed adoptable gully and connection

Kerb 1

Chainage (m)	Easting (m)	Northing (m)	Level (m)
0.000	396389.456	159019.450	50.623
5.000	396392.357	159015.377	50.634
8.324	396394.285	159012.670	50.642
10.000	396395.257	159011.304	50.629
13.379	396397.216	159008.551	50.604
15.000	396398.167	159007.238	50.600
19.430	396400.767	159003.651	50.587
20.000	396401.111	159003.197	50.585
25.000	396404.127	158999.209	50.563
28.355	396406.150	158996.533	50.549
30.000	396407.164	158995.237	50.555
35.000	396410.243	158991.298	50.574
36.710	396411.296	158989.951	50.580
40.000	396413.292	158987.335	50.543
44.476	396416.007	158983.776	50.493
45.000	396416.335	158983.368	50.475
50.000	396419.463	158979.467	50.481
55.000	396422.590	158975.566	50.504
60.000	396425.718	158971.665	50.516
60.775	396426.203	158971.060	50.517
65.000	396428.797	158967.726	50.507
70.000	396431.868	158963.780	50.493
75.000	396434.939	158959.834	50.474
75.449	396435.214	158959.479	50.472
78.718	396437.280	158956.946	50.537

Kerb 2

Chainage (m)	Easting (m)	Northing (m)	Level (m)
0.000	396519.475	158919.302	51.325
3.209	396516.662	158920.846	51.413
3.209	396516.662	158920.846	51.413
3.917	396516.042	158921.186	51.432
4.624	396515.397	158921.477	51.448
4.624	396515.397	158921.477	51.448
4.624	396515.397	158921.477	51.448
5.000	396515.037	158921.584	51.457
7.290	396512.779	158921.496	51.480
7.290	396512.779	158921.496	51.480
10.000	396510.273	158920.465	51.481
10.138	396510.145	158920.413	51.481
15.000	396505.860	158918.115	51.460
18.324	396502.931	158916.544	51.445
20.000	396501.618	158915.502	51.445
25.000	396497.700	158912.395	51.445
25.327	396497.444	158912.192	51.445
30.000	396494.062	158908.967	51.349
30.520	396493.686	158908.609	51.338

Kerb 3

Chainage (m)	Easting (m)	Northing (m)	Level (m)
0.000	396480.762	158908.719	51.425
3.027	396480.483	158911.733	51.554
5.000	396479.903	158913.619	51.541
6.185	396479.555	158914.752	51.533
9.228	396477.651	158917.125	51.530
10.000	396476.957	158917.464	51.531
14.627	396472.799	158919.493	51.543
15.000	396472.462	158919.653	51.540
20.000	396467.947	158921.801	51.508
21.415	396466.669	158922.409	51.499
25.000	396463.668	158924.370	51.387
28.231	396460.963	158926.137	51.285
30.000	396459.568	158927.225	51.248
34.637	396455.912	158930.078	51.153
35.000	396455.641	158930.319	51.145
40.000	396451.904	158933.640	51.033
40.784	396451.318	158934.160	51.015
45.000	396448.214	158937.014	50.902
50.000	396444.534	158940.399	50.767
50.036	396444.507	158940.423	50.766

Kerb 4

Chainage (m)	Easting (m)	Northing (m)	Level (m)
0.000	396490.898	158912.156	51.491
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0.691	396490.531	158911.587	51.494
1.382	396489.886	158911.381	51.497
5.000	396486.270	158911.516	51.510
5.399	396485.872	158911.531	51.512
6.209	396485.160	158911.868	51.515
7.019	396484.913	158912.616	51.518
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Status

FOR TECHNICAL APPROVAL

This drawing is intended to provide the contractor/ developer with sufficient information to identify materials and to estimate quantities for the purposes of cost estimates. It should not be relied upon for construction purposes.

0m 10m

Scale 1:250

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NOTES

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2. All adoptable highway works to be constructed in accordance with the current version of the Specification for Highway Works (SHW), published by the Stationary Office as Volume 1 of the Manual of Contract Documents, as amended, and and Wiltshire Council's Specification and Notes for Guidance for Highway Works by Developers Under Agreement, Eighth Edition.

3. The Contractor shall seek clarification from the Engineer regarding any construction issue arising from this drawing, or any discrepancy between this drawing and any issued drawing or the Specification, prior to construction.

4. The works shown on this drawing could affect Statutory Undertaker's apparatus and the Contractor is required to verify the location and depth of all such apparatus prior to commencement of the works and to take any precautions necessary when working in the vicinity of any such apparatus.

5. All dimensions shown in metres (m) unless otherwise stated, and all levels relate to Ordnance Datum.

7. All tactile paving surfaces shall be laid out in accordance with DETR's 'Guidance on the use of Tactile Paving Surfaces'.

8. All existing vegetation that overhangs the footway shall be cut back. Notices shall be given to the owner of the vegetation, or occupier of the land on which it is situated, to require its removal within 14 days of the date of service of the notice.

9. Permanent road markings shall be thermoplastic road marking material complying with SHW clause 1212. All road markings and traffic signs shall comply with The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016, as amended.

10. The position of all street furniture, including traffic signs, signals and lighting columns, shall be agreed with the Engineer and Highway Authority prior to installation.

Rev	Date	Description	Drawn	Check
A	08/01/25	Gateways added, bus cages removed.	ML	RML
B	24/01/25	Hatching removed from outside of highway extents.	ML	RML
C	28/01/25	Block paved surface changed to have red coloured blocks.	ML	RML
D	17/02/25	House substructures updated.	ML	RML
E	10/06/25	Surfacing of access amended. Road markings removed.	ML	RML
F	23/07/25	Eastern area to be resurfaced.	ML	RML
G	16/10/25	Pedestrian crossing between Kerb 2 and Kerb 3 realigned to avoid ditch to east.	ML	RML

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Section 278 Works
General Arrangement
Plan

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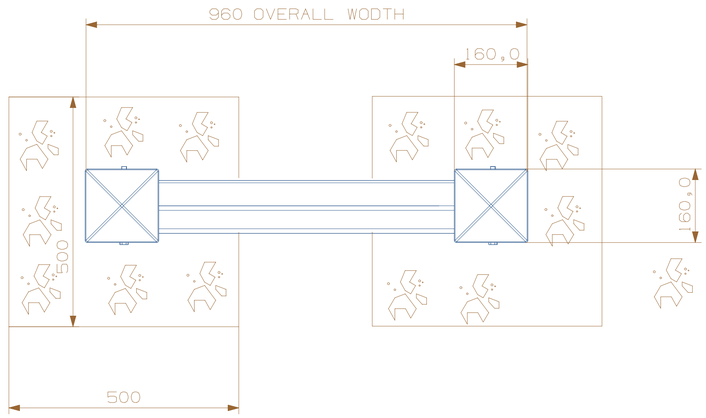
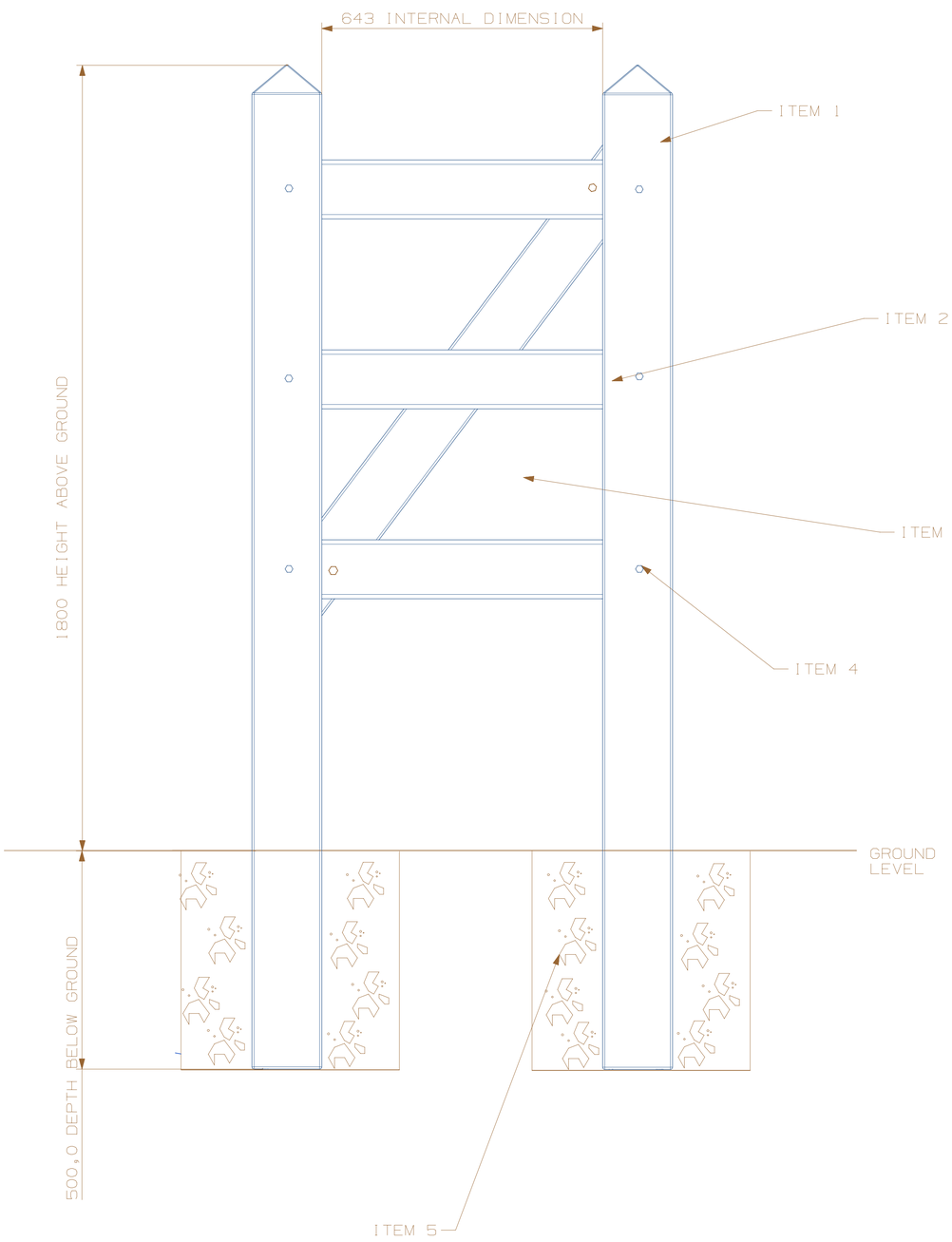
MODEL SPECIFICATION

GLASDON GATEWAY™ 0.96M WIDE - 1.8M TALL C/W CROSSBAR





PRODUCT INFORMATION

- WEIGHT - MODEL SHOWN
  0.96M X 1.8M - 27KG
  POST - 1.8M - 9.5KG
  1.3M - 7.5KG
  - SLAT - 2KG
- MATERIAL - EVERWOOD®
- COLOURS - WHITE, DARK OAK & LIGHT OAK
- DIMENSIONS - ALL DIMENSIONS IN MM UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED
- ASSEMBLY - THE GATEWAY IS FLATPACKED AND REQUIRES FULL ASSEMBLY ON SITE
- ITEM 1 - POST
- ITEM 2 - SLAT
- ITEM 3 - CROSSBAR
- ITEM 4 - S/S HEX HEAD FIXING BOLT - M10 WASHER - M10 NYLOC NUT M10 SPACER
- ITEM 5 - QUICK SETTING CONCRETE (e.g GRADE QC10)

INSTALLATION OPTIONS

- STANDARD GATEWAY SIZES:

  1.8M TALL MODEL - 2000MM WIDE - SEE 02S083-03
  ABOVE GROUND - 1500MM WIDE - SEE 02S083-02
  - 960MM WIDE - MAIN VIEW

  1.3M TALL MODEL - 2000MM WIDE
  ABOVE GROUND - 1500MM WIDE
  - 960MM WIDE

  L-SHAPED MODELS ALSO AVAILABLE SEE 02S083-04

- EACH MODEL CAN COME WITH EITHER 1,2,3 OR 4 SLATS AND WITH OR WITHOUT A CROSS BAR. SEE OPTIONS BELOW
- SEE SALES GUIDE FOR DIMENSIONS AND SIZES OF VARIANTS AND SIGNAGE OPTIONS
- THE GATEWAY POSTS CAN BE CUT DOWN TO SIZE ON SITE TO THE DISIRED HEIGHT
- AVOID CONTACT WITH HOT TARMACADAM AS THIS WILL SERIOUSLY IMPAIR THE PERFORMANCE OF THE GATEWAY
- WE RECOMMEND INSTALLING WITH QUICK SETTING CONCRETE (e.g GRADE QC10)BUT EXACT INSTALLATION REQUIREMNTS SHOULD BE ASSED FROM A SITE SURVEY.
- INSTALLATION NOTES:

  (1) 2 HOLES APPROXIMATELY THE CORRECT DEPTH AND WIDTH APART ARE DUG IN THE POSITION SHOWN IN THE PLAN VIEW

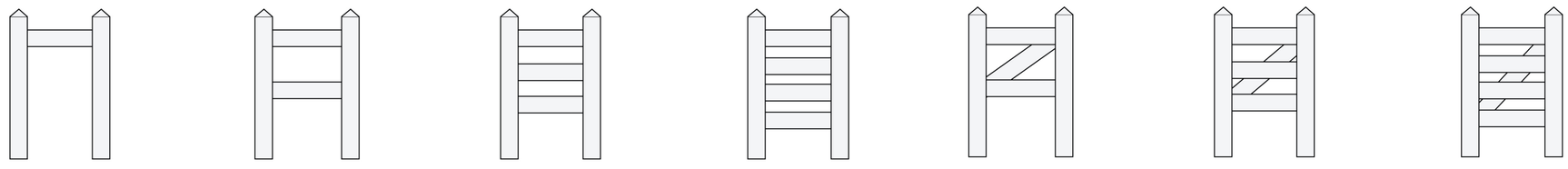
  (2) THE GATEWAY IS INSERTED INTO THE HOLES ENSURING THE HOLE IS THE CORRECT DEPTH

  (3) ENSURE THE GATEWAY REMAINS VERTICAL AND LEVEL DURING THE CONCRETE SETTING PERIOD. THE HOLE IS BACK FILLED IN HARD GROUND WITH QUICK SETTING CONCRETE AND IS FINALLY TAMPED DOWN AND LEVELLED.

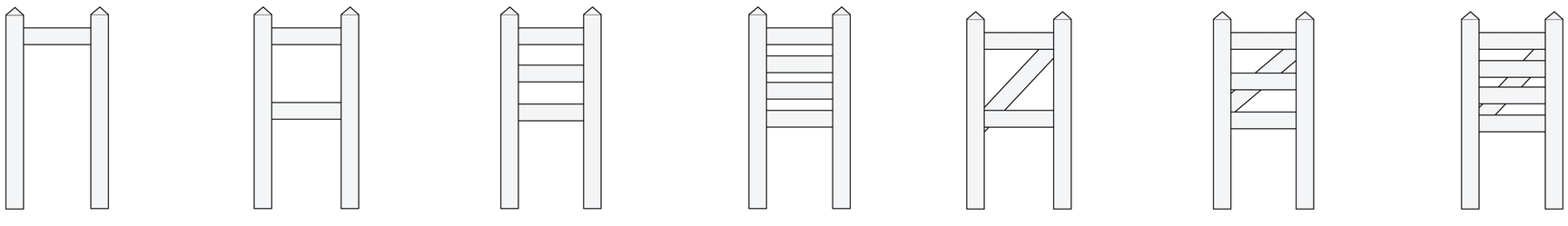
  DO NOT BACK FILL THE GATEWAY IN.

0.96M MODEL OPTIONS AVAILABLE

1.3M ABOVE GROUND



1.8M ABOVE GROUND



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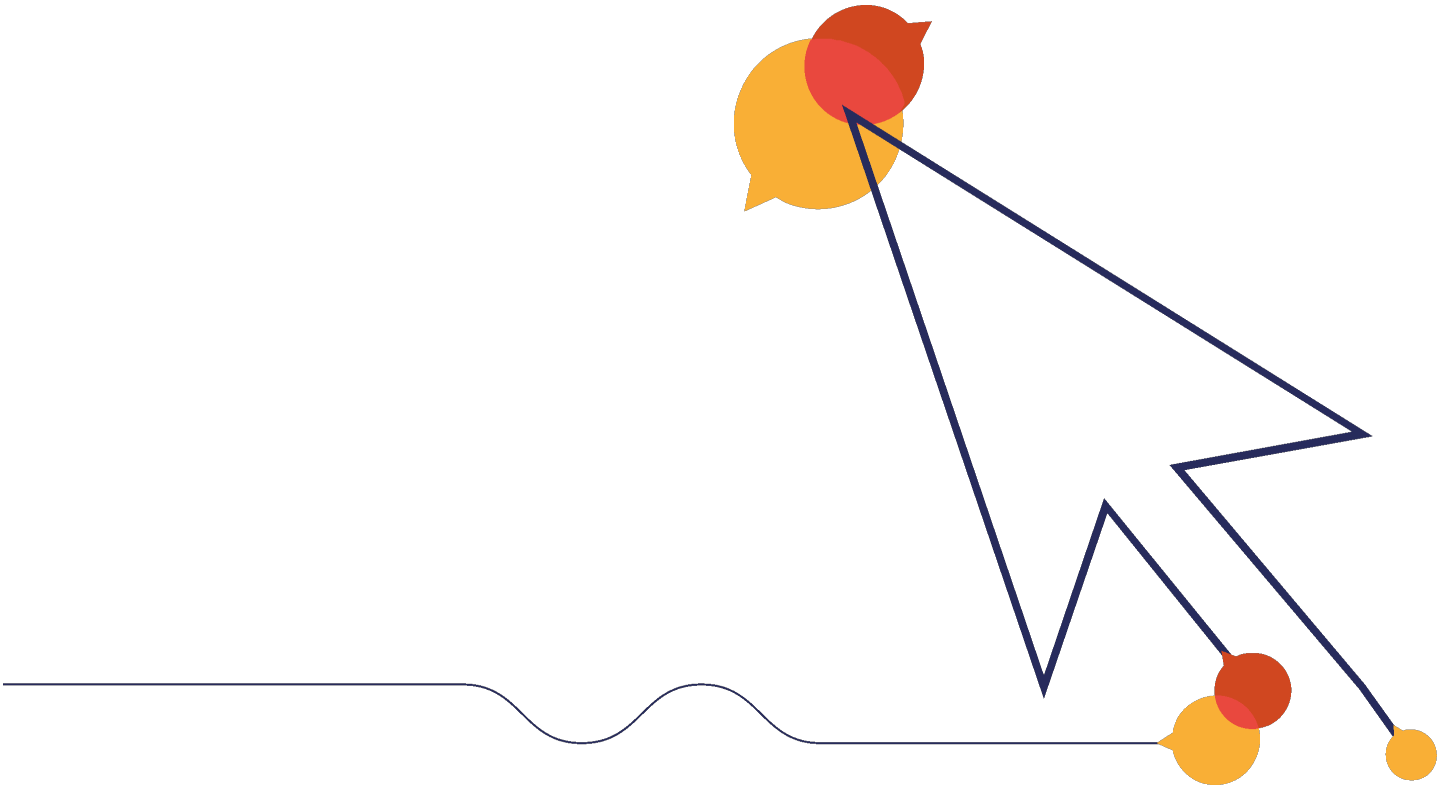
Safety Inspection Report

Annual Inspection

Poulshot Village Hall Play Area

Poulshot Parish Council

03 September 2025



Safety Inspection Report

Annual Inspection

Site name: **Poulshot Village Hall Play Area**
Date of inspection: **03 September 2025**
Inspector: **Jonathan Peters**

Signage

Innate risk score: 2

Description	Tasks	Risk score

No Findings

Rocker - Horse

Innate risk score: 4

Description	Tasks	Risk score
Moss is present.	Remove.	4
Protruding handles / foot rests.	The unit was installed prior to the publication of the current standards. There is no requirement to make retrospective changes.	3

Slide

Innate risk score: 4

Description	Tasks	Risk score
Moss is present.	Remove.	4

Swing - Toddler - 1 Bay 2 Seat

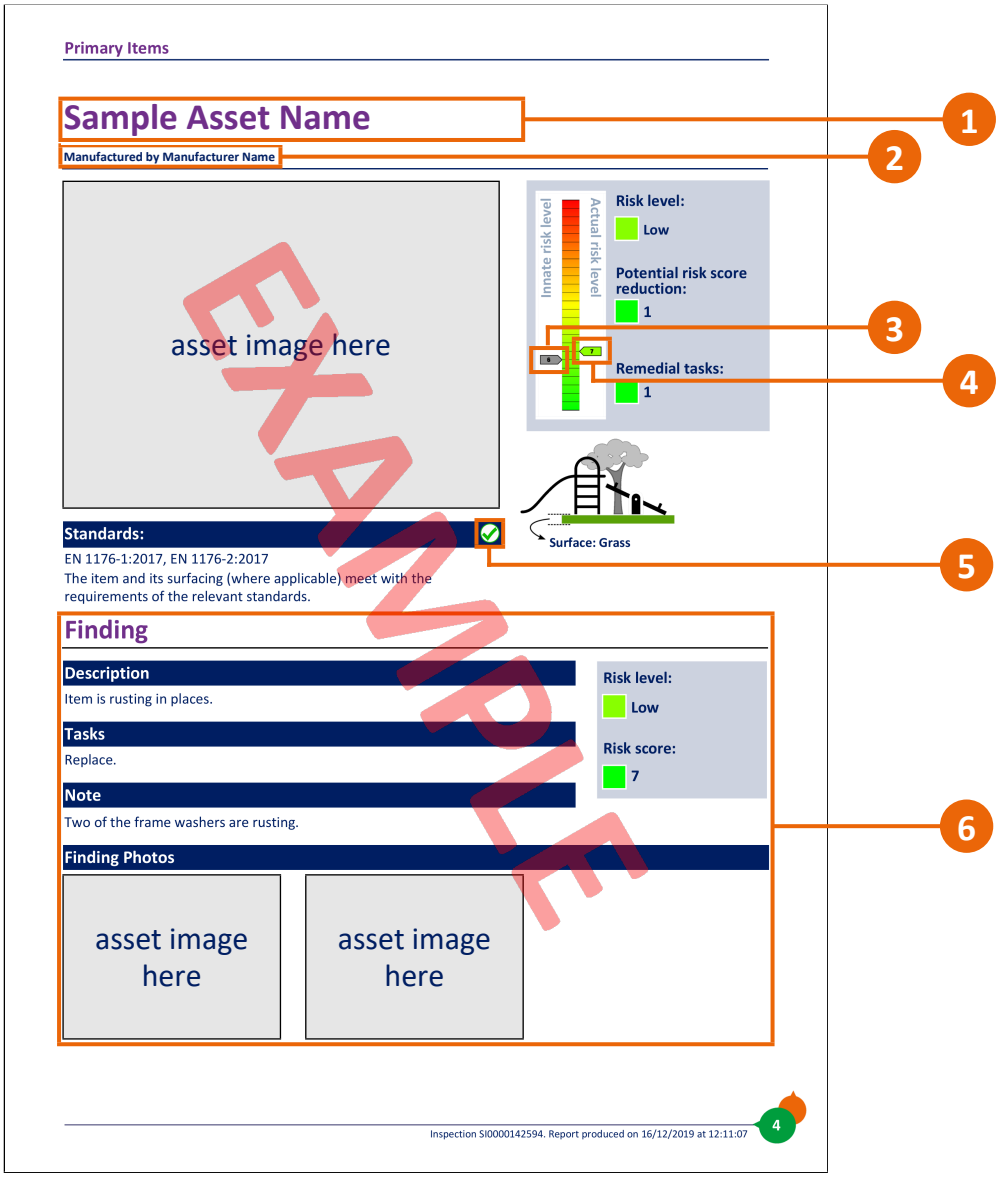
Innate risk score: 4

Description	Tasks	Risk score
Moss is present.	Remove.	4
Swing shackles or associated components are seized.	Free off and check for damage.	1

The assets on site are categorised as **Ancillary Items** or **Play Items**, and listed under those headings.

Each item is listed in the style shown in the image below, which contains labels to aid interpretation as follows:

1) The name of the asset
2) The manufacturer of the asset, if known,
3) The innate or default risk score of the asset, assuming it has no faults and complies with standards,
4) The actual risk score of the asset at the time of inspection, being the highest of the finding risks or the innate risk,
5) A statement about whether the item complies with the appropriate standards, including the names of those standards,
6) Details about findings, if any, including what is wrong (Description), what to do about it (Tasks), notes to aid understanding (Notes), and photograph(s) of the issue.



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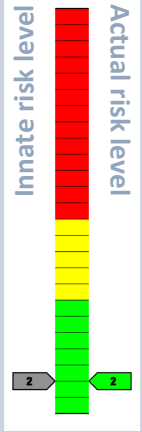


Risk level:

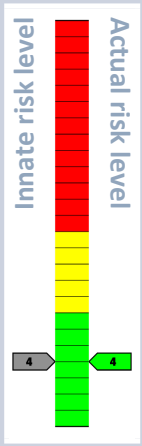
Very low

Risk score as low as possible

No remedial tasks

Rocker - Horse

Manufactured by Ledon A/S



Risk level:

Low

Risk score as low as possible

Remedial tasks:

2

Surface: Wet Pour

Standards:

EN 1176-1:2017+A1:2023, EN 1176-6:2017

The surfacing meets with the requirements of the relevant standards. The item is not compliant with the requirements of the relevant standards for the following reasons:

Equipment Standard Compliance Findings
1. Protruding handles / foot rests.

The item has the following maintenance findings:
1. Moss is present.

Standard Compliance Finding

Description

Protruding handles / foot rests.

Tasks

The unit was installed prior to the publication of the current standards. There is no requirement to make retrospective changes.

Risk level:

Very low

Risk score:

3

Finding Photos

Maintenance Finding

Description

Moss is present.

Tasks

Remove.

Risk level:

Low

Risk score:

4

Finding Photos

Slide

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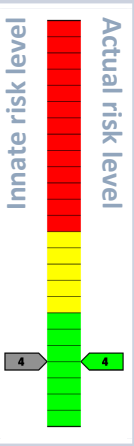


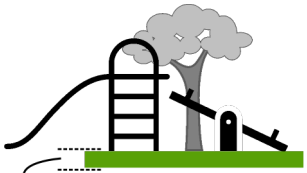
Risk level:

Low

Risk score as low as possible

Remedial tasks:

1



Surface: Wet Pour

Standards:

EN 1176-1:2017+A1:2023, EN 1176-3:2017

The item and its surfacing (where applicable) meet with the requirements of the relevant standards.

Maintenance Finding

Description

Moss is present.

Tasks

Remove.

Risk level:

Low

Risk score:

4

Finding Photos

Swing - Toddler - 1 Bay 2 Seat

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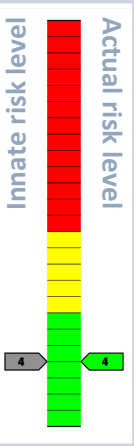


Risk level:

Low

Risk score as low as possible

Remedial tasks:

2

Surface: Wet Pour

Standards:

EN 1176-1:2017+A1:2023, EN 1176-2:2017

The item and its surfacing (where applicable) meet with the requirements of the relevant standards.

Maintenance Finding

Description

Moss is present.

Tasks

Remove.

Risk level:

Low

Risk score:

4

Finding Photos

Maintenance Finding

Description

Swing shackles or associated components are seized.

Tasks

Free off and check for damage.

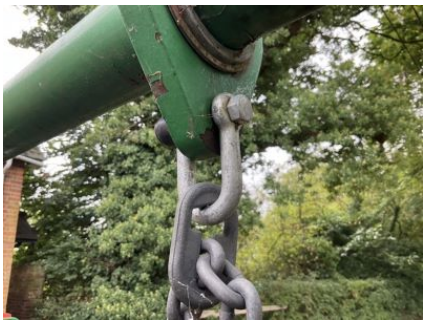
Risk level:

Very low

Risk score:

1

Finding Photos



General Notes

The risk scores are calculated by plotting the likelihood of harm against the severity of the injury sustained. The likelihood is given a score of 1 to 5, and the severity is given a score of 1 to 5. In doing this a matrix is produced which gives a numerical assessment of the risk on a score of 1 to 25, and a judgement is made as to which risks are low, which are medium and which are high. Risk scores may be adjusted in the light of experience and therefore may not be exactly as per the table. For example, a score of 7 may be noted.

Risks are calculated in this way:

1. An assessment of the likelihood of harm taking place is made using the numbers 1 to 5, by following these descriptions:
    a. 1 = Rare
    b. 2 = Unlikely
    c. 3 = Moderate
    d. 4 = Likely
    e. 5 = Certain
2. An assessment of the severity of the injury sustained is made using the numbers 1 to 5, by following these descriptions:
    a. 1 = Insignificant
    b. 2 = Minor
    c. 3 = Moderate
    d. 4 = Major
    e. 5 = Catastrophic
3. The two numbers are multiplied to give a risk score on a scale of 1 to 25.
4. Scores of 1 to 7 inclusive are considered to be low risk and are considered to be tolerable where this is the innate risk of the item, but where remedial works are identified these should be undertaken,
5. Scores of 8 to 12 are considered to be medium risk and some control measures may be identified to reduce the risks to low, tolerable levels,
6. Score of 13 and above are considered to be high risk and urgent action is considered to be necessary to reduce the risks to tolerable levels.

General Notes

It is important to note that where an outcome is catastrophic, but for which the likelihood is rare this will present a score of 1 x 5 = 5 = low risk. Similarly, a certain event for which the consequence is insignificant will present a score of 5 x 1 = 5 = low risk. It is important to consider likelihood and consequence, and not just one of the factors in isolation.

The multiplication of the factors into a risk matrix is given here in Table 1, with a judgement made as to risk scoring indicated by colour.

Green = LOW risk, Amber = MEDIUM risk, Red = HIGH risk.

Table 1 – Risk Score Matrix

		Severity				
Likelihood		1 Insignifi-cant	2 Minor	3 Moderate	4 Major	5 Catastro-phic
	1 = Rare	1 LOW	2 LOW	3 LOW	4 LOW	5 LOW
	2 = Unlikely	2 LOW	4 LOW	6 LOW	8 MEDIUM	10 MEDIUM
	3 = Moderate	3 LOW	6 LOW	9 MEDIUM	12 MEDIUM	15 HIGH
	4 = Likely	4 LOW	8 MEDIUM	12 MEDIUM	16 HIGH	20 HIGH
	5 = Certain	5 LOW	10 MEDIUM	15 HIGH	20 HIGH	25 HIGH

General Notes

Inspection Scope
The inspections are undertaken using the RPII's inspection scope.

Compliance with Standards
Inspections are undertaken with reference to the appropriate standards, which are listed next to each item. Compliance with these standards is not mandatory in law, but it is useful to know whether items comply or not. If we think a change is needed, then this is noted in our report. Non-compliance does not necessarily mean that a change is needed. Where a standard is undated the current version is applied, unless overlap periods are allowed by the standards committee at the time of update. The information provided herein is to assist the owner/operator to fulfil its responsibilities as detailed in the relevant standards. Other standards referenced within the listed standards do not form part of this inspection, unless they are also explicitly listed here.

The listed standards are relevant to all installations of equipment which are publicly accessible, including public parks, pay to play parks, schools, nurseries, public houses, holiday parks, indoor play centres, farm parks and the like. All equipment used in publicly accessible areas should meet with the requirements of the relevant listed standard.

Additionally, EN 1176-7 provides guidance on installation, inspection, maintenance and operation to owners/operators of equipment and ancillary items. In the United Kingdom the National Foreword forms an important part to the understanding and implementation of the recommendations set out in EN 1176-7. It clarifies the application of the document within the UK as best practice guidance, as the document has been used since its initial publication. Therefore the EN 1176-7 contains no requirement in the UK and needs to be read and implemented as guidance, with the use of the terms 'shall' therefore becoming a recommendation, as in the term 'should'.

Domestic equipment falls outside the scope of standards for publicly accessible spaces. Domestic play equipment has its own standard (BS EN 71 – Safety of Toys). Where domestic equipment can be identified this will be acknowledged in the report, but compliance may be assessed to the applicable standard relating to publicly accessible equipment.

When water play items, including spray parks, are inspected any comments concerning compliance within the inspection will refer to EN 1176. We have not assessed these against the requirements of EN 17232 (Water play equipment and features).

Compliance with standards is not always a clear-cut thing. Some interpretation can be needed, and our interpretation may differ from the interpretation of others. In some cases, we may decide not to note non-compliance in cases where we think it may mislead or be unhelpful so to do.

General Notes

What We Inspect
Annual and Post Installation inspections will take into consideration compliance with current standards and defects related to wear and vandalism. Items not listed in the report have not been included in the inspection. The inspection will cover the playground equipment and the active area (that area which is obviously part of the playground), nominally up to 3.0 metres around, the fence line if closer, or other areas as agreed.

Operational inspections only take into consideration defects related to cleanliness, equipment ground clearances, ground surface finishes, exposed foundations, sharp edges, missing parts, excessive wear (of moving parts), structural integrity, wear and vandalism. Routine visual inspections (if undertaken) relate only to the most obvious defects such as broken or missing parts, vandalism and issues created by severe weather conditions (the intention is to identify hazards created by storm damage).
The inspection is non-dismantling, non-destructive and does not include any structural, toxicology or impact assessments defined in the standard; however, the inspector will undertake a manual test for stability and if equipment fails under manual load, or any other hazard is identified as an unacceptable risk, the owner/operator will be notified as soon as practicably possible.

The inspector will access all reasonably accessible equipment and will assess all reasonably accessible parts above the standing surface. Where it is not possible to access parts of the equipment without employing an alternative means of access the report will record the action required by the owner/operator to ensure the continued safe use of the equipment. Ancillary equipment will be assessed using the inspector's knowledge and experience of the standards named in this document to ensure as far as is reasonably practicable the continued safe use of the items concerned. The owner/operator is responsible for the overall safety of the equipment and area. Inspectors who are trained to use ladders may use them where it is safe to do so, but if members of the public are present on site ladders may not be used to access the equipment.

What We Don't Inspect
The inspector will not undertake any of the following works unless specifically agreed in writing at the time of order:
Checking the depth and underlying structural integrity of any surface areas and/or carrying out any testing of impact absorbing properties of any surfaces. The identification of any corrosion, rot or other deterioration in any apparatus or equipment other than by an external inspection or the inspection of any equipment (or part thereof) that is underground or beneath the playing surface. Tightening any bolts, hinges or other fixing devices on any apparatus or equipment. Assessing or inspecting any electrical installations contained on any site and/or apparatus and/or equipment. Assessing or inspecting any water supplies and/or water features and/or any associated computerised systems (including carrying out any programming).

General Notes

The owner/operator should have a 'design risk assessment' provided by the manufacturer/designer of the area for the equipment and location in which the facility is installed.
We have inspected without dismantling or destruction and so some aspects of the relevant standards may not be testable on site.
The operator is responsible for managing risks of their provision and is required by law to carry out a 'suitable and sufficient assessment' of the risks associated with a site or activity and this inspection shall be considered as contributing to the operator's discharge of this responsibility.

Exposure to Risk
Exposure to acceptable levels of risk and challenge is essential to children's development and allows them to exercise their right to play. Therefore, it can be judged that levels of risk above low risk can be acceptable. The risk scores shown allow the operator to make a judgement after first considering the benefit of the activity to which the risk score relates.

Ownership
There may be cases where we report issues that are not the site owner's responsibility. It is not necessarily possible for us to determine who owns what, and in any case we need to bring all risks to your attention if they can affect the safety of the site's users.
Contemporaneous Findings
Our report shows the findings at the time of inspection. Subsequent events may affect the condition of the site. Suggested remedial actions are based upon our knowledge and experience. The owner/operator should seek the advice of the manufacturer or a competent person when undertaking repairs and/or modifications to equipment.

Timber
Where timbers are set into the ground it is not always possible to determine levels of decay. The owner/operator should ensure it conducts appropriate inspections to identify decay before it becomes a problem.
We can undertake more in-depth testing of your playground timbers using resistance penetration.
Timber is known to decay from the inside out. This makes it very important that you ensure proper testing and inspection is undertaken of your playground timbers, especially where defects may be hidden inside the structures. Testing using resistance penetration can help to identify defects before they become outwardly apparent, but can also confirm the condition of good timbers to prevent premature replacement with its associated costs.
The testing is undertaken using a specialist machine, which uses electronically controlled drill resistance measurement. The drill is fine enough that it does not cause permanent damage to reduce the lifespan of the equipment.
Please contact us for pricing and further information.

Planting and Trees
Where planting or trees are mentioned in our report, please be advised that we do not undertake any arboricultural, horticultural or toxicological assessment of suitability or condition. You must ensure you undertake suitable inspections from an appropriate expert.

General Notes

How This Inspection Contributes to Your Annual Main Inspection

The owner/operator is responsible for following the guidance of the relevant standards. The standards give guidance on the installation, inspection, maintenance and operation of the various types of facility. The inspection guidance is listed in Table 1, with an indication of which parts will be included in your RoSPA inspection [the items in the first column are the items which comprise an "Annual Main Inspection", the second column shows which elements form part of a RoSPA inspection, items with a cross are not included, some items may have limitations as shown in the notes to the Table 1). The standards also contain additional parts which the owner/operator should follow.

Table 1

Inspection Recommendations of relevant standards These form the Annual Main Inspection	**Included in RoSPA Inspection?**
6.1 d) Overall levels of safety of equipment (see note 1)	✓ [1]
6.1 d) Overall levels of safety of foundations (see note 1)	✓ [1]
6.2 d) Overall levels of safety of playing surfaces (see note 2)	✓ [2]
6.1 d) Compliance with the relevant parts of the standard and or risk assessment (see note 3)	✓ [3]
6.1 d) Effects of weather	✓
6.1 d) Presence of rot, decay or corrosion (see note 1)	✓ [1]
6.1 d) Assessment of repairs made or added or replaced components (see note 4)	✓ [4]
6.1 d) Excavation or dismantling/additional measures	✗
6.2.1 Assessment of glass reinforced plastics (see note 5)	✓ [5]
6.2.1 Inspection of one post equipment (see note 1)	✓ [1]
6.2.4 Undertaking the Operators inspection protocol	✓
6.2 c) Presence of rot or corrosion (see note 2)	✓ [2]
6.2 c) Assessment of repairs made/added or replaced components (see note 5)	✗
N.B. The clause numbers above are taken from BS EN 1176-7:2020. The content is equally applicable to all other relevant standards. Playgrounds contains a range of equipment from different manufacturers and installed over a number of years; operators should implement any guidance provided by the manufacturer. Item specific detail is not readily available to RPII Playground Inspectors, whose report contributes to the operator's overall Annual Main Inspection as details in the relevant standard. Notes [1] A manual test only is undertaken for stability. Wear and instability are only detectable where readily apparent without dismantling or destruction and without the use of tools, excavation or specialist equipment. Rot and corrosion are tested for with a hammer and/or steel rod. Decay in timber may exist which can only be found with specialist equipment. We therefore cannot be held responsible for the presence of such decay. [2] Only the visible condition and dimensional compliance of surface extent is considered. Neither testing of impact attenuating properties nor measurement of the thickness of bound surfaces are undertaken on annual inspections. We can conduct impact testing for additional fees. [3] The inspection assesses compliance where this can be tested on site using manual methods without dismantling, destruction and without the use of tools or specialist equipment [4] The operator should use manufacturer's recommended parts, or equivalent. We are unable to verify if such parts have been used, and any subsequent change in quality or performance [5] Visible glass fibres will be noted in reports. The operator is responsible for repairs or replacement.	

EN 1176 Notes – Summary of Requirements

PROTECTION AGAINST INJURIES IN THE FREE SPACE
* No obstacles in the minimum space (other than structures to assist or safeguard the user)
* Traffic flows should not go through the minimum space
PROTECTION AGAINST INJURIES IN THE FALLING SPACE
* Free height of fall should not exceed 3m * No obstacles in the falling space * Platforms with fall heights of more than 1m between them require surfacing
PROTECTION AGAINST INJURIES DUE TO OTHER TYPES OF MOVEMENT
* No unexpected obstacles
SURFACING SAFETY REQUIREMENTS
* Surfacing should have no sharp edges or protrusions * Loose fills should be 100mm more than the depth required to meet the HIC reading (usually total 300mm up to 2m, and 400mm up to 3m) * Hard surfaces should only be used outside where children fall * Testable Impact absorbing surfaces if falls over 600mm are possible. Good turf may be used up to 1.5m
DESIGN AND MANUFACTURE
* The equipment must be suitable for the user and risks should be identifiable by the child * Accessibility: adults must be able to gain access to help children * Grip requirements: permitted diameter 16 - 45mm (e.g. overhead bars) * Grasp requirements: maximum diameter 60mm (e.g. handrails on steps)
* Requirements for easily accessible equipment
FINISHING
* Timber species and synthetics should be splinter resistant * No protrusions or sharp-edged components * Bolts should not protrude by more than 8mm * Corners, edges or projecting parts over 8mm should have a 3mm radius. * No hard and sharp-edged parts (e.g. razor blade effect caused by sheet steel) * No crushing or shearing points
* Connections should not come loose by themselves and should resist removal. * Timber connections should not rely solely on screws or nails. * Leaking lubricants should not stain or impair the safety of the equipment
FIBRE ROPES
* Conform to EN 701 or 919 or have a material and load certificate
* Ropes used by hands shall have a soft, non-slip covering
WIRE ROPES
* Non-rotating and corrosion resistant with no splayed wires outside the ferrule * Wire connector clip threads should protrude less than 8mm * Turnbuckles should be enclosed, have a loop at each end and be secured
CHAINS
* Maximum opening of individual links: 8.6mm in any one direction.
* Connecting links between chains must be less than 8.6mm or over 12mm
SWINGING SUSPENDED ROPES
* Not combined with swings in the same bay * Less than 2m long: over 600mm from static parts; over 900mm from swinging parts * 2m - 4m long: over 1000mm from anything * Diameter: 25 - 45mm
CLIMBING ROPES
* Anchored at both ends and movement less than 20% of rope length
* Single climbing rope diameter: 18 - 45mm (nets comply with Grip requirements)
ENTRAPMENTS
* Entrapment: a place from which children cannot extricate themselves unaided There are six probes: the Torso Probe, the Large Head Probe, The Small Head probe, the Wedge Probe and the two Finger Rods. There is a toggle test to reduce the dangers of clothing toggles being caught on slides, fireman's poles and roofs, and a ring gauge to test for rocker hand/foot rest protrusions.
BRIDGES
* The space between the flexible bridge and rigid sides should be not less than 230mm
ENTRAPMENT OF FEET AND LEGS
* Inclined planes (not suspension bridges) less than 38° should have no gaps over 30mm
* There are no requirements for suspension bridge gaps other than the main entrapment requirements
FINGER ENTRAPMENTS
These occur in: 1. gaps where child's movement may cause a finger to become stuck; 2. open-ended tubes; 3. moving gaps
* Tube ends should be securely enclosed and removable only with tools
* Moving gaps should not close to less than 12mm
BARRIERS AND GUARD-RAILS
* Handrail: a rail to help the child balance * Guard-rail: a rail to prevent children falling * Barrier: a guard-rail with non-climbable in-fill
HAND-RAILS
* Where required they should be between 600 and 850mm above the standing surface
EASILY ACCESSIBLE EQUIPMENT
* Platforms over 600mm require a barrier with a minimum height of 700mm high + impact absorbing surfacing
NOT EASILY ACCESSIBLE EQUIPMENT
* Platforms up to 1000mm: No barriers or guard-rails required + impact absorbing surface over * Platforms 1000-2000mm: 600 - 850mm high guard-rail + impact absorbing surfacing * Platforms 2000-3000mm: 700mm high barrier + impact absorbing surfacing * No bars, infills or steps which can be used as steps. Tops should discourage standing or sitting
MEANS OF ACCESS
All means of access should have no entrapments; be securely fixed; be level to ± 3°(ramps across width) and have a constant angle. It does not refer to agility equipment used as an access i.e. arched climbers, scramble nets. There are specific measurements for ladders, stairs and ramps.

EN 1176 Notes – Summary of Requirements

SWINGS
REQUIREMENTS
* No all-rigid suspension members (i.e. solid bar top to bottom) * Design should be principally for use by seated children (RoSPA interpretation) * Two seats per bay maximum. * Some types of swings have slightly different requirements. Information should be obtained from the supplier * Single points swing chains should not twist round each other * Single point swings require a secondary bearing support mechanism * Group seats must have their own bay.
DIMENSIONS
* Minimum ground clearance at rest: 350mm (400mm for group seats) * No maximum seat surface height but RoSPA recommends a max. height of 635mm for cradles and flat seats * Distance between seat and frame: 20% of swing suspension + 200mm * Distance between seats: 20% of the swing suspension + 300mm * Pivot splay (separation distance) at crossbar: width between seat fixings plus 5% of swing suspension length (+30% for group and Type 4 seats)
SITING
* Swing sets for young children should be separated from those for older children and sited to avoid cross traffic
SURFACING REQUIREMENTS
Forward and Back
* Different areas for synthetic and loose-fill surfaces in a box or pit. Measurements each way are: 1. synthetic: 0.867 x length of suspension member + 1.75m + 0.5m of obstacle-clear space 2. loose-fill: 0.867 x length of suspension member + 2.25m
Side width
* Seat width no greater than 500mm: 1.75m minimum (i.e. .875mm each way from seat centre)
* Areas for two seats in one bay may overlap providing the distance between seats is correct
Single point swings
* Circular area with a radius equal to the Forward and Backward figure for other swings

SLIDES
SAFETY REQUIREMENTS
* Free-standing slides: the max. vertical height which a stairway can reach without a change of direction is 2.5m. * Starting section at the top of each chute: length 350mm minimum, zero to 5° downwards at the centre line.
N.B. This can be the platform if the slide is attached to it * If the starting section is over 400mm long, platform requirements apply * From a platform, the gap to the slide is the same width as the slide * Attachment slides over 1m free fall height should have starting section barriers 500mm min. high at one point * Attachment slides over 1m FFH should have a guard-rail across the entrance at a ht. of between 700-900mm
Sliding sections
* Maximum angle: 60° at any one point and an average of 40° * The width of open and straight slides over 1500mm long should be less than 700mm or greater than 950mm * Spiral or curved slides should have a width less than 700mm
RUN -OUTS
* Run-outs of at least 300mm are required if the sliding section is under 1.5m long. * Additional requirements are required for different types of slides * Average angle of run-outs: type 1 = 10°, type 2 = 5° (both downwards) * Height of run-out: Less than 1.5m sliding length: max. 200mm. Greater than 1.5m sliding length: max. 350mm * Users should come to a stop on the run-out section (type 2 only)
* Chutes should have a side height related to the fall height: 1.2m: 100mm minimum : 1.2m - 2.5m: 150mm minimum : Over 2.5m: 500mm minimum
* Maximum side angle from slide bed: 30° * Tops of sides should be rounded or radiused to at least 3mm * Tunnel slides should be a minimum 750mm high and 750mm wide * Tunnels should start on or at the end of the starting section and be continuous over the sliding section only

SURFACING REQUIREMENTS
Normal distances except for the run-out which should be: * type 1: 1m each side and 2m beyond (or just 1.5m beyond for short slides) * type 2: 1m each side and 1m beyond

CABLE RUNWAYS
SAFETY REQUIREMENTS
* Stop at end should progressively slow down the traveller * Traveller should not be removable except with tools * No access to internal mechanism * Suspension mechanism: flexible, exclude risk of strangulation or be at least 2m above the ground in the middle * Where children hang by the hands, the grip should not be enclosed (i.e. a loop)
* Climbing should be discouraged onto the grip * Children should be able to get off the seat at any time (i.e. no loops or straps) * Maximum loaded (69.5kg) speed is 7m per second * If two cables are placed parallel the min. distance between them is 2m
IMPACT AREAS
* 2m either side of main cable

ROTATING ITEMS
NOTE: Rotating items under 500mm diameter are excluded from these requirements
SAFETY REQUIREMENTS
* Maximum free height of fall: 1000mm (For overhead items: 1500 - 3000mm) * Max. speed at periphery under reasonable use: 5m per second. As no method is given, this cannot be tested * Hand grips should be between 16 - 45mm
SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS
There are specific requirements for different types of roundabout. The two most common ones are:
Platform roundabouts:
* Platforms should be circular and enclosed * All parts should revolve in the same direction * No super-structure over the edge of the platform * Mechanism should be enclosed * Height between underside and ground 60 – 110mm for 300mm inwards

Giant revolving discs
* Clearance of underside at lowest point: 300mm in loose-fill, 400 mm for synthetic * Max. platform height: 1m * Free space: 3m * Upper surface should be continuous, smooth and with no handles or grips * Underside should be continuous, smooth and without any radial variations (i.e. spokes) or indentations

MINIMUM SPACE

* Free space: Horizontal: 2m all round * Vertical head clearance from platform: sitting 1.5m ; standing 1.8m * Small rotating items under 500mm diameter are excluded,

SURFACING REQUIREMENTS

* There are no special extra requirements for surfacing areas * Surfaces should be continuous underneath and level

ROCKING ITEMS

DEFINITIONS

* Rocking equipment which can be moved by the user and is supported from below
* Damping: any movement restricting device. (N.B. Springs are treated as self-damping)

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

* Throughout the range of movement gaps in all accessible joints should be under 12mm * Progressive restraint at extremity of movement is required * Foot rests should be provided where the ground clearance is less than 230mm * Hand grips should be provided for each seat or standing position
* Foot rests and hand grips should be firmly fixed and non-rotating * Hand grip diameter: 16 - 45mm (for toddler items: 30mm maximum) * Right -angled corners on moving equipment should be 20mm radius min. (e.g. a bird's beak)

MINIMUM SPACE

* 1000mm between items at maximum movement.

SURFACING REQUIREMENTS

* Minimum 1000 mm for springers, except if standing is allowed in which case 1500 mm * 1500 mm minimum for type 1.

INSTALLATION, INSPECTION, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION

SAFETY

* Appropriate safety systems must be established by the operator * No access should be allowed to unsafe equipment or areas * Records should be kept by the playground operator * Effectiveness of safety measures should be assessed annually * Signs should be provided giving owner details and emergency service contact points * Entrances for emergency services should be freely accessible
* Information on accidents should be kept
* Staff and users should be safe during maintenance operations

INSPECTION

* Manufacturers will recommend the inspection frequency although some sites may need a daily check

Frequency

Routine visual inspections: identification of hazards from vandalism, use or weather conditions (RoSPA recommends a recorded daily or weekly inspection) Operational inspection: every 1 -3 months or as recommended. Checks operation, stability, wear etc. Annual main inspection: checks long-term levels of safety

* An inspection schedule should be prepared for each playground, listing components and methods
* Appropriate action should be taken if defects are noted

ROUTINE MAINTENANCE

* Basic routine maintenance details should be supplied by the manufacturer

CORRECTIVE MAINTENANCE

* This covers remedial work and repairs as required * Alterations should only be carried out after consultation & agreement with the supplier or a competent person

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Each car carries a full medical kit bag, a defibrillator, oxygen and patient observation equipment. They could be called to a patient who isn't breathing, has chest pains, is unconscious or has had a fall. They also carry a Raizer lifting chair that enables one volunteer to help a vulnerable person who has had a fall to get off the floor.

In isolated, rural communities, or at times when our ambulance service is under extreme pressure, the contribution that our volunteers can and do make is immense.

- In 2024/25 volunteer Community First Responders **attended** over **29,000 patients** who had called 999 across the South West.
- At **10% of those incidents** they were the only resource required, freeing up ambulances for other life-threatening calls.
- A volunteer was **first to arrive on scene at 7% of all Category 1** (most life-threatening) incidents, which is approximately **7,500 critically unwell patients**.

In 2023, South Western Ambulance Charity secured funds to buy our first 7 Community Response Vehicles (CRVs) for our volunteers across the South-West. One of those cars was allocated to the Bath / Swindon / Wiltshire area. We know now that these cars enable more volunteers to book on for more hours, travel more miles and get urgent support to more patients in an emergency. Providing a car so they can choose to 'book on for a shift' really extends response areas.

In the first 12 months of having dedicated 7 Community Response Vehicles they were allocated to **2,751 incidents**, including cardiac arrests, seizures, strokes, falls, etc. Of the incidents they attended, they were the **first to arrive on scene in 86% of cases**. We urgently now want to raise £30,000 to get a

second Community Response Vehicle active across the Bath / Swindon / Wiltshire operational area, ready to support more patients and communities.

A Life-Saving Story
In 2023, a family was on holiday in a caravan park, somewhere on our beautiful but remote coastline. Their young child started to choke and was struggling to breathe. They called 999. An ambulance was dispatched as a Category 1 (most life-threatening) call. A local volunteer responded to the call in the sign-written Community Response Vehicle (CRV). The volunteer was first to arrive at the scene, members of the public spotted the car and directed it through the maze of caravans. The family spotted the CRV approaching and guided it to the child and the volunteer Responder began to assist the patient. The ambulance arrived soon after, spotted the CRV and knew exactly where to go. Seconds were saved. Together they all ensured that the patient outcome was a good one.

Can you contribute to our life-saving mission?
We are contacting all the Parish Councils across our area asking them if they could make a **1% donation of £300** to our Community Response Vehicle Appeal please. Payment can be made by BACS or cheque (email charity@swast.nhs.uk for details).

In return, we would like to offer you a CPR and defibrillator training session in your community, giving more people the confidence to take lifesaving action if needed.

Thank you for your consideration and support. Please do contact me with any questions.

Kind regards,
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