

# ALDBURY PARISH COUNCIL      WARDENS UPDATE: MARCH 2025

<b>AREA</b>	<b>ALLOTMENTS &amp; MILLENNIUM ORCHARD</b>
<b>TO CHECK</b>	Fencing & gates, benches, trees, hedges & shrubs, grass height, signs, footpaths, housekeeping, ground conditions
<b>INSPECTION DATES</b>	28/02, 7/03, 14/03, 21/03, 28/03
<b>ISSUES TO REPORT</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The grass height remains at an appropriate height.</li> <li>2. Public footpaths were in good condition. Waymarkers were in place.</li> <li>3. Most plots continue to be well maintained. However, some housekeeping across the site is now needed as rubbish has gradually accumulated. This rubbish includes pallets, discarded packaging and rubber tyres (Photo 1 &amp; 2). It was also observed that a shed is on the verge of collapse (Photo 3).</li> <li>4. Fences, gates, and benches remain in fair condition.</li> <li>5. An information board has been installed that celebrates the making of the millennium orchard. This board includes a tree layout plan, identification of tree species and lists sponsors (Photo 4). Everyone is encouraged to take a reasonable amount of fruit for personal consumption.</li> </ol>

<b>AREA</b>	<b>PLAYGROUNDS</b>
<b>TO CHECK</b>	Equipment, Safety Information, Fencing & Gates, Benches, Trees, Grass height, General ground conditions, Empty litter bin.
<b>INSPECTION DATES</b>	28/02, 7/03, 14/03, 21/03, 28/03 Tring Station 28/03
<b>ISSUES TO REPORT</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. No new faults were found on the playground equipment.</li> <li>7. User and ownership information is displayed at both playgrounds.</li> <li>8. Grass maintenance meets stated mowing requirements. However, a cut will shortly be required.</li> <li>9. The fences and benches were in fair condition. Gates functioned properly.</li> <li>10. The litter bin was emptied on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of March.</li> <li>11. New chains and a seat have been fitted on the cradle swings.</li> <li>12. A repair to the Bird Rocker has been successfully conducted. The Bird Rocker base is now secure.</li> </ol> <p><b>Outstanding Items</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Playground signage needs updating to meet best practice standards.</li> <li>• A rubber bolt cover inside the fort requires reinstatement.</li> </ul>

<b>AREA</b>	<b>RECREATION GROUND</b>
<b>TO CHECK</b>	Tennis court, Basketball area, Pavilion, Fencing, Benches/seats, Bollards, Trees & vegetation, Grass height, car park, Litter & dog waste bins, Footpaths.
<b>INSPECTION DATES</b>	28/02, 7/03, 14/03, 21/03, 28/03
<b>ISSUES TO REPORT</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>13. Grass maintenance follows the mowing specification, but a cut is needed soon.</li> <li>14. Weekly litter picks were conducted. Litter and dog waste bins are being emptied weekly by DBC.</li> <li>15. Pleasingly no further motorbike tyre marks have been found on the football pitch.</li> <li>16. Small tree branches are growing across the basketball backboard (Photo 5).</li> </ol> <p><b>Outstanding items</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A dead tree, currently leaning precariously against another tree, requires removal.</li> <li>• Trim low tree branches around the boundary to maintain a 2.75-meter clearance for tractor mowing.</li> </ul>
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<b>AREA</b>	<b>VILLAGE GREEN(S) &amp; POND</b>
<b>TO CHECK</b>	Benches, Trees, Pond, Grass height, Stocks, Litter Bins, Notice board.
<b>DATES</b>	28/02, 7/03, 14/03, 21/03, 28/03
<b>ISSUES TO REPORT</b>	<p>17. The benches were found in good condition.  18. No obvious defects were seen on the trees.  19. Grass was at a suitable height.  20. Weekly litter picking was conducted.  21. Litter bins were present and in good condition.  22. Notice board was in sound condition. Information on display was current/relevant.</p>

<b>AREA</b>	<b>HIGHWAY'S, PUBLIC FOOTPATHS &amp; DITCHES</b>
<b>TO CHECK</b>	Surfaces, Pedestrian routes, Signage, Drainage, Grit bins, Litter, Street lamps, Bollards, kissing gates, Notice board (Tring Station)
<b>DATES</b>	28/02, 7/03, 14/03, 21/03, 28/03
<b>ISSUES TO REPORT</b>	<p>23. Streetlights were checked on 14<sup>th</sup> of March. All were working, apart from a streetlight opposite the Church, where HCC has removed a lamp. Ref No: 401004547735 (Photo 6). A contractor has visited the village in preparation to submitting a quote.</p> <p>24. Litter picking was conducted on Stocks Road (to the parish boundary), New Ground Road (to the GUC bridge), Station Road (GUC bridge to Aldbury Village), Malting Lane, Stonycroft, and Toms Hill to FP15.</p> <p>25. Thames Water were notified that a leak has occurred again by Greening Farm with escaping water flowing down Stocks Road into a storm drain (Photo 7). Responsibility for repair rests with a property owner, not Thames Water.</p> <p>26. Drainage ditch south of Stonycroft was found free of obstructions.</p> <p>27. The company undertaking construction works at Greening Farm, have reinstated the 'Kill Your Speed' sign in Stocks Road (Photo 8).</p> <p>28. Two potholes in New Ground Road have been successfully filled by HCC. Ref No: 401004581214 (Photo 9).</p> <p>29. A dead badger lying on the pavement between Tring Railway Station and Northfield Road was removed by DBC. Ref No: 929023.</p> <p><b>Outstanding Items</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restoration of streetlighting at the Recreation Ground entrance and Malting Lane junction (APC in active discussion with HCC).</li> <li>• Reinstatement of waymarker in Hitchins Field. Clerk has prompted DBC.</li> <li>• DBC to install new street nameplate on Toms Hill. Ref No: 895084.</li> </ul>

## PHOTOGRAPHS

