

ALDBURY PARISH COUNCIL WARDENS UPDATE: NOVEMBER 2023

AREA	ALLOTMENTS & MILLENNIUM ORCHARD
TO CHECK	Fencing & gates, benches, trees, hedges & shrubs, grass height, signs, footpaths, housekeeping, ground conditions
INSPECTION DATES	03/11,10/11,17/11, 24/11
ISSUES TO REPORT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No noteworthy defects were found on fences, gates, and benches. 2. Grass height is in keeping with the mowing specification. 3. An unsteady apple tree, at risk of falling, has been re-staked and is now sturdy. 4. Footpaths, despite recent wet weather, were found in reasonable order. All signs were in place and legible. 5. No obvious faults were noted on the trees; however, unsurprisingly some trees have shed dead wood with the approaching of winter.

AREA	PLAYGROUNDS
TO CHECK	Equipment, Safety Information, Fencing & Gates, Benches, Trees, Grass height, General ground conditions, Empty litter bin.
INSPECTION DATES	03/11,10/11,17/11, 24/11 Tring Station 00/00
ISSUES TO REPORT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. The Aldbury Playground is temporarily shut to allow upgrade/installation works to be safely undertaken (Photo 1). An advisory notice is on display. 7. Grass height complies with the mowing specification. 8. Litter bin was emptied on the 3rd of November. 9. Essential permanent user information signs were in place. All were legible. 10. Fences and gates are in fair condition. No signs of decay were visible. 11. A section of concrete walkway at the rear of the Iron Room has recently been repaired. However, further parts nearby are breaking up, notably by a step, and is posing a trip hazard (Photo 2). It is understood that APC are liaising with TSRA and the St Albans Diocese about the walkway. <p>Outstanding items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hedge(s) at Tring Station playground are overgrown. Clerk is seeking quotes.

AREA	RECREATION GROUND
TO CHECK	Tennis court, Basketball area, Pavilion, Fencing, Benches/seats, Bollards, Trees & vegetation, Grass height, car park, Litter & dog waste bins, Footpaths.
INSPECTION DATES	03/11, 10/11,17/11, 24/11
ISSUES TO REPORT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 12. Grass height is meeting the mowing specification. 13. Weekly litter picks were carried out. 14. The Tennis Court surface was observed in good condition. Some minor algae/moss build-up is noticeable around the border of the court. Continue to monitor. 15. The car park hedge has been cut leaving a smart appearance (Photos 3 & 4). Importantly, this now affords unobstructed views, a factor in discouraging anti-social behaviour at the facility. 16. Car parking bay lines are faded or missing. APC may wish to reinstate new markings, at the same time, taking into consideration that many modern vehicles are bigger (SUV's) and can often overhang an average size car parking bay.

	<p>Outstanding items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Essential tree works as advised in the recent tree survey report.
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AREA	VILLAGE GREEN(S) & POND
TO CHECK	Benches, Trees, Pond, Grass height, Stocks, Litter Bins, Notice board.
DATES	03/11, 10/11, 17/11, 24/11
ISSUES TO REPORT	<p>17. Grass height is meeting the mowing specification. 18. Weekly litter picks were conducted. 19. No significant flaws noted on the benches, albeit some weathering is evident. 20. No faults were noted on the trees. As can be expected as part of the normal lifecycle, the two mature trees have shed dead wood in recent weeks. 21. Christmas tree has been installed for the festive period. Continue to monitor, particularly following blustery conditions.</p> <p>Outstanding items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pruning of trees as per tree survey recommendations. Tree surgeon is appointed.

AREA	HIGHWAY'S, PUBLIC FOOTPATHS & DITCHES
TO CHECK	Surfaces, Pedestrian routes, Signage, Drainage, Grit bins, Litter, Street lamps, Bollards, kissing gates, Notice board (Tring Station)
DATES	03/11, 10/11, 17/11, 24/11 (Streetlamps) 18/11
ISSUES TO REPORT	<p>22. All streetlamps were seen in working order on the 18th of November. 23. Litter picking was conducted in Stocks Road (to the walled garden), New Ground Road (to the canal bridge), Station Road (to Church Farm) and Tring Station (GUC Bridge to station drop-off entrance). 24. A sign in Trooper Road (near the Valiant Trooper PH) has been knocked over (Photo 5). HCC inform reinstatement work has been scheduled. Ref No: 401003789546. 25. Two temporary road signs, left on the verge by the New Ground Road/Stonycroft junction have now been collected by HCC. Ref No: 401003813555. 26. Overgrown vegetation across the pavement, close to Beechwood Drive (Toms Hill Road), has been reported to HCC (Photo 6). Ref No: 401003789594. 27. Drains and gullies have recently been unblocked in Tring Station (Photos 7 & 8). Cllr Symington reports that the problematic gully opposite Tring Railway Station was emptied and the outlet pipe, that discharges into Network Rail land, was jetted on Friday 27th of October. Moreover, HCC are now seeking permission from National Rail to gain access to NR land to undertake additional improvement works to the final outlet. HCC Ref No: 401003164554. APC may wish to speak again with Cllr Symington to ascertain if a start date has now been finalised.</p> <p>Outstanding items</p>

- Salt/grit bin at the top of Malting Lane is empty. APC waiting on delivery. Bin at the bottom of Malting Lane is full.
28. The following HCC Highway work remains outstanding.
- Faded markings by the Stonycroft junction (Ref No: 401002519044).
 - Two faded SLOW road markings on Toms Hill. HCC Ref No's 401003740702 and 401003740705.
 - Uneven road surface by the pond. Ref No:401003511836
 - Removal of graffiti from a road sign by the Beggars Lane / Station Road Junction. Ref No: 401003475040. HCC report work has been scheduled..

PHOTOGRAPHS



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