

Risks identified by David Bracey Play Safety Inspections – 16th July 2021

Rating system:

Very low risk 1 – 3 Monitor

Low risk 4 – 7 Monitor and take reasonable action if possible

Medium risk 8 – 12 Take action to reduce if possible, or available

High risk 13 – 20 Take action immediately and access control measures

Unacceptable high risk 21+ Remove or immobilise before taken immediate action and assessment of control measures

WILBY ROAD:

	Piece of Equipment	Risk Rating	Problem	Action
1.	Access	2		Monitor
2.	Gates	5	Rear gate – entrapment on the side of gate	Adjust gate/post/fit new rubber buffer
3.	Fences	3	Wooden – monitor for rot	Monitor
4.	Signs	5	Recommend “ownership” signs	See note below
5.	Litterbins	2		Monitor
6.	Grass	2		Monitor
7.	Seat	2		Monitor
8.	Picnic Bench	2		Monitor
9.	Pathways	2		Monitor
10.	Free/Fall Space	3		Monitor
11.	Traffic Clashes	3		Monitor
12.	Design Defects	3		Monitor
13.	Cleanliness	2		Monitor
14.	1 bay 2 Cradle Seat	5	Some chain wear. Shackle bolt Surface tiles are lifting	Monitor and replace at 40% wear. Remove shackle bolt and check bush and shackle pin, replace if necessary. Re-glue and fill gaps and joints as necessary.
15.	Playzone multiplay	6	Hard object in fall area – metal bar at bottom of net Surface area: Weed growth may damage surface	Monitor only – low risk Remove weed growth and treat with appropriate non-toxic or non-residual sprays.

16.	Seesaw	3		Monitor
17.	Adventure Trail	5	Cracks to timber	Smooth down any splinters when found and replace timber when 12mm gaps are found, currently 4mm
18.	Roundabout	6	Surface area: Weed growth may damage surface	Remove weed growth and treat with appropriate non-toxic or non-residual sprays.
19.	2 Bay 1 Basket/2 Flat Seat Swing	6	Finger entrapments in plastic fixings on basket Surface area: Weed growth may damage surface	Monitor only – low risk Remove weed growth and treat with appropriate non-toxic or non-residual sprays
20.	Climbing Wall	4		Monitor

ASSESSED LEVEL OF RISK FOR THE PLAYGROUND AT THE TIME OF INSPECTION WAS **LOW RISK**

WESTHALL:

	Piece of Equipment	Risk Rating	Problem	Action
21.	Access	2		Monitor
22.	Gates	5	Play area is not dog proof – self-closer mechanism fitted, may have been stuck on day of inspection	Monitor
23.	Fence	3		Monitor
24.	Signs	3	Ownership and No Dogs signs recommended	See note below
25.	Litterbin	2		Monitor
26.	Grass	2		Monitor
27.	Seat	2		Monitor
28.	Picnic Benches	2		Monitor
29.	Free/Fall Space	3		Monitor
30.	Design Defects	3		Monitor
31.	Traffic Clashes	3		Monitor
32.	Cleanliness	2		Monitor
33.	Springy Ladybird	3		Monitor
34.	Springy Flower	3		Monitor
35.	1 Bay 2 Cradle seat	4	Cracks in support timbers – replace when 12mm	Monitor – low risk

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	Swing		gaps are found	Smooth down any splinters
36.	Waxham 1	5	Cracks in support timbers – replace when 12mm gaps are found Surface area worn	Monitor – low risk Smooth down any splinters Recommend to add seed and soil mix to worn areas
37.	Roundabout	6		Monitor
38.	Rota	6		Monitor
39.	Lavenham 1	6	Cracks in support timbers – replace when 12mm gaps are found	Monitor – low risk Smooth down any splinters
40.	Goals x 2	7	Finger entrapments – posts and cross bar Goal posts	Infill holes Move goal 10 meters to avoid worn area and move further away from play items. Goals were moved but advice on 10m ignored – suggest remove goal posts nearest the play equipment as area would be too small if goal posts now moved.
41.	Cableway	7	Chainlnks Surface area worn	Recommend worn links at top suspension Recommend to add seed and soil mix to worn areas Serious consideration should be given to replacing the surface with a non-wearing type of surface such as a bonded crumb or wet pour.
42.	2 Bay 1 Basket/2 Flat Seat Swing	6	Finger entrapments in plastic fixings	Monitor – Low risk
43.	Seesaw	6		Monitor

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FITNESS EQUIPMENT – PLAYING FIELD:

	Piece of Equipment	Risk Rating	Problem	Action
44.	Access	2		Monitor
45.	Signs	5	Posts for equipment remain with no signage	Remove posts

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				It is strongly recommended that signs are made to point out that the equipment is designed for particular muscle groups and are youth and adults tall than 1400mm(4ft 6 in) us only.
46.	Grass	2		Monitor
47.	Seats	2		Monitor
48.	Free/Fall Space	3		Monitor
49.	Traffic Clashes	3		Monitor
50.	Design Defects	3		Monitor
51.	Cleanliness	2		Monitor
52.	Parallel Bars	8	Missing sign and rough post	Smooth down rough & sharp edges, add information sign.
53.	Gate Climb	7	Too close to path	Matting recommended but given the state of the other posts which have rotted – recommend removal.
54.	Multi Exercise Bench	6	Metal fixings exposed	Infill or cap off
55.	Sit up Bench	6	Sign faded	Recommend replace faded sign

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Signage:

Should include the following:

- Contact details to report damage or accidents
- Telephone number and/or email address
- Post code of play area
- Notice regarding age of users: “This area is to be used by children under 8 only” as an example. *Councillors to review age restrictions for both play parks to determine if this is necessary.*
- Dogs banned signs at Westhall. Pictogram ‘No Dogs’ signs are strongly recommended.