Lytchett Matravers Parish Council

Play Area Inspections 2024 Summary Report

Date (Month Year): September 2024

Reported by: Cllr Andrew Huggins

Rocket Park: - overall High Risk

This is showing signs of age.

15 Low, 7 Medium, 1 High finding (2023: 18 Low and 7 Very Low risk. Viking Swinger was High and now out of service. Cradle Swings being replaced. Some items classed as medium have a cumulation of low risk items, but damage to flooring around roundabout. Trampoline getting worn out.

Items to consider replacing due to excessive wear: Viking Swinger (Priority 1), mini trampoline, basket swing, Hanging roundabout, Traditional roundabout.

Can the Rocket Park Sign be cleaned? – check if clerk phone number on it.

Astro: Overall Moderate

Lots of areas of wear. Serious concern over gate in corner.

Low 3, Moderate 1 (2023 3 Low risk)

Overall OK, but remove graffiti and sort out gate in the corner.

Foxhills: Overall Moderate

Showing signs of wear but mostly OK with some floor issues to be addressed.

5 Low, 2 Medium (2023 8 Low risk). Some items of wear and tear and missing fixings.

Actions: Issues with exposed concrete foundation for tall slide climber, and lift floor under toddler slide outfall.

Replace Toddler swing cradles.

NOTE the clerk phone number on signage needs updating

BMX Track assessed along with Rec Gym Equipment and skate Ramps: Overall Low

Overall better managed than last year.

Low 4, (2023 3 Low findings, 1 Medium finding).

Gym equipment spinning disks by Hannams not rotating, rubber handle missing from Ski swinger – these should be highlighted to be addressed during Caloo annual maintenance check (maintenance contract).

RE-affix mural board to back of high end skate ramp.

Financial Impact:

Ask PBS to remedy flooring issues at Foxhills (Fosters Spring) and replace toddler swing cradles.
Rocket Park replace:

Viking swinger

Basket Swing (or full overhaul),

Rotating hanging roundabout (or full overhaul),

mini trampoline (replace, or remove)

Roundabout – replace.

This , with associated flooring, is likely to be in excess of £80K

Recommendation/Proposal:

Rocket Park:

All remedial repairs highlighted.

Rocket Park: Consider public feedback (youth club?), obtain quotes for like for like equipment or alternatives. Seek funding.