

Waterford Road Play Area

Waterford Road is currently in the process of being transferred from the District Council's ownership to the Town Council.

The Project officer has visited with one of the qualified Maintenance Operatives to look at assess the current state of the park.

The current play equipment consists of: -

- Single cradle swing
- Two trampolines
- One flatbed swing
- Goat springy
- Metal bench x 2
- Nijha bike mill
- Chair spring rocker
- Springy stand on platform
- Toddler multi climb

The park also has two red metal benches and a hexagonal picnic bench, as well as a number of silver birch trees.

Current Issues

Trampolines- both have issues with the surrounding wet pour. Currently whole sections of the immediate surround can be lifted up easily. The edging of the wet pour around both is a trip hazard. The pits are also filled with litter.

Gate (by no. 4 Waterford Road) - no longer self closes – possible spring breakage.

Bin - assuming WODC will remove theirs so WTC will need to install a new one.

Path- tarmac perished at edges leading to cracks – trip hazard for small feet.

Cradle swing- surrounding wet pour raised – trip hazard. Cradle itself has worn rubber and needs replacing.

Flatbed swing- concrete surround is raised, broken and a trip hazard. The brass bushes have worn through and need replacing.

Bike Mill – wet pour edging is raised and a trip hazard.

Chair springy – seat has come off – this is not repairable. Bolts underneath are rusted.

Goat Springy – handle covers in poor condition and need replacing.

Multi climb – trip hazard gap between the path and the grass around the edge. Rubber worn on edging – child could hit chin on it; worn away rubber on seating section. Missing bracket cover. Needs a deep clean.

Fence – some exposed bolt threads which need filing off.

Trees – two trees in the corner have become “bushes” – this is not safe for small children (there are also some brambles) and reduces visibility for parents. They will need stripping back. Trees all need checking for deadwood. Large silver birch tree outside number 4 is very large – over 40ft height. Would need crown work. Possible root issues with houses next door in the future but would need expert advice on this. The tree was probably built around as it is relatively mature. Some ectopic growth on trees.

Benches – metal ones both fine but need cleaning of bird droppings. Hexagonal one good condition but needs grass removing from block paving underneath.

Signage – will need to be replaced with WTC details.

The play area is lacking accessible items although part of the multi climb are accessible.