

Playing Field Report for RSPC Meeting 24 November 2025

On 9/9/25, a RoSPA representative conducted a **playground safety inspection** on all the play equipment on the playing field. We now have the full report to review; I did meet with the inspector who was very amenable and helpful with our position moving forward, pointing out and discussing some of the issues. I am discussing necessary repair and refurbishment options with an independent company with no other viable options currently.

This season we have a local football team **using the football pitch** on the playing field. The posts and goal areas were refurbished last year, and the stanchions have been re-installed. The team manager has recently rolled the pitch, hiring a roller at our expense, and being necessary to keep the pitch in good order. I understand that the invoice has been paid.

Following the RoSPA report, the playing field committee is discussing **various new projects** including potential installation of 5-a-side goalposts as discussed with the new football team manager. Fellow councillor Lloyd -Davies has compiled an excellent report detailing future projects and strategies.

I have surveyed the playing field with our gardener to discuss **the necessary Green Maintenance**. We identified some regular work such as defining the field edge and bush / tree pruning, plus trimming back bushes on the north perimeter, lopping a branch that sits low over the northwest entrance and essential weeding to re-define the Spring Lane pathway edge. The work has been completed as of 14/11/25 with an invoice now being with the clerk.

We identified that the **two trees outside the shop** and **tree(s) at the Community car park entrance** require attention to protect the telephone wires. Also, the **willow tree** next to the table tennis hut needs pollarding. Quotes have been requested from two companies.

Initial enquiries are being made regarding potentially **refreshing the signage** around the field. *For ongoing Discussion*

Henry M is to arrange with me some **seasonal tree husbandry** for the coming weeks on the Cubbington pear and other trees on the field.

Councillor Jack Dempsey