



**Annual Inspection carried out at
Sutton Weaver Play Area, Sutton Weaver
on 10th June 2024
on behalf of Sutton Weaver PC**

by

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Name of Play Area: Sutton Weaver

Date: 10/06/2024

Inspector: AD



General Comments

The play area is a local sized facility, sited in an enclosed recreational field. The site has been redeveloped since last year's annual inspection with the installation of new items of equipment and wetpour safer surfacing. The timber fence lining and gate has been removed from around the toddler area, items of equipment have been re-sited and re-painted. A new access gate and stone access pathways have also been installed.

Weather: Sunny

Time of Inspection: 11:21

Design

The play area has been designed for children aged 2+.

The following have been inspected and found to be in good order:

- Orientation
- Design Age
- Traffic (Movement) Clashes
- Minimum Space

Ancillary Items

The following have been inspected and found to be in good order:

General Surfacing - Grass
Cleanliness
No Dog and Funding Signs
Picnic Tables
Ownership/Information Signs
Litter Bins
Planting
Bike Rack

Work required:

Access gate – new access gate not self closing – padlock also preventing the latch to allow full closing – monitor – *low risk*.

Fencing – barbed wire still evident at the top of the fence lining – inappropriate around a children's play area – remove – *medium risk*.

Access/Pathways – stones are littering the wetpour areas – remove and clean and try and fully compact to alleviate – *low risk*.

Equipment

(1) Junior Multi-Play Unit



Hags

This item fails to meet the requirements of BSEN 1176 in the following respect:

The climbing net is broken – chains loose – repair – *medium risk*.

Platform timber has been kicked out of the fixing point and is loose and damaged – replace – *medium risk*.

Reported on the day to the parish council.

Decay evident – monitor – *low risk*.

Corrosion evident – treat, rub down and re-paint – *low risk*.

Moss growth evident on item – remove and clean – *low risk*.

Surfacing

Grass Mats

The surfacing meets the dimensional requirements of BSEN 1176.

(2) Swings 1.8m High, 1 Bay/2 Seat (Cradle)



Hags

The item meets the requirements of BSEN 1176 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

The chains are very rusty – replacement advised – low risk.

Surfacing

Grass Mats

The surfacing meets the dimensional requirements of BSEN 1176.

(3) Swings 2.4m High, 1 Bay/2 Seat (Flat)



Hags

The item meets the requirements of BSEN 1176 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

The item is in good condition and no work is required at this time.

Surfacing

Grass Mats

The surfacing meets the dimensional requirements of BSEN 1176.

(4) Activity Trail



Unknown

The item fails to meet the requirements of BSEN 1176 in the following respect:

Finger entrapments evident across the unit – monitor – low risk.

Hand over foot rope - shearing/crushing point – shorten to alleviate.

A number of support posts are badly decayed at and below ground level – replacement of those posts advised – *medium risk*.

Rope wear evident – tape up and monitor.

Crossbeams are “blackened” suggesting potential rot/decay – resistograph test recommended to assess – *medium risk*.

Bolt cap covers missing – protruding bolts evident – replace – *low risk*.

Moss growth evident on timbers – remove and clean – *low risk*.

Surfacing

Grass Mats

The surfacing meets the dimensional requirements of BSEN 1176.

(5) Spring Rocker – Turtle



Hags

The item meets the requirements of BSEN 1176 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

The item is loose in the ground and can be twisted around on the spring – secure both the base and the seat – *low risk*.

Surfacing

Grass

The surfacing meets the requirements of BSEN 1176.

(6) Toddler Multi-Play Unit



Hags

The item fails to meet the requirements of BSEN 1176 in the following respect:

Horizontal barriers in place on platforms and bridges – solid or vertical infill's are advised – *low risk*.

Decay evident – replace affected timbers – *low risk*.

Surfacing

Grass Mats

The surfacing meets the dimensional requirements of BSEN 1176.

(7) Goal Posts x 2



Unknown

The items are in good condition and no work is required at this time.

Surfacing

Grass

The surfacing is in good condition and no work is required at this time.

(8) Basket Seat Swing



Playdale

The item meets the requirements of BSEN 1176 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

The item is in good condition and no work is required at this time.

Surfacing

Wetpour

The surfacing meets the dimensional requirements of BSEN 1176.

(9) Roundabout



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The item meets the requirements of BSEN 1176 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

The item is in good condition and no work is required at this time.

Surfacing

Wetpour

The surfacing fails to meet the requirements of BSEN 1176 in the following respect:

Incorrect dimensions – monitor – low risk.

Ancillary Items and Environmental/Other Hazards

<u>Ancillary Item</u>	<u>Risk Score (Severity x Probability)</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Action or Control</u>
Picnic Tables	1 x 2 = 2 (Very Low)		See Report
Litter Bins	1 x 2 = 2 (Very Low)		See Report
Fencing	4 x 2 = 8 (Medium)		See Report
Access/Maintenance Gates	2 x 2 = 4 (Low)		See Report
No Dogs And Funding Signs	1 x 2 = 2 (Very Low)		See Report
Planting	1 x 2 = 2 (Very Low)		See Report
Access/Pathways	1 x 2 = 2 (Very Low)		See Report
Ownership/Information Signs	1 x 2 = 2 (Very Low)		See Report
Bike Rack	1 x 2 = 2 (Very Low)		See Report

<u>Environmental/ Other Hazards</u>	<u>Risk Score (Severity x Probability)</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Action or Control</u>
Minimum Space	3 x 2 = 6 (Low)		See Report
Traffic (Movement) Clashes	1 x 2 = 2 (Very Low)		See Report
Design Defects	3 x 2 = 6 (Low)		See Report
Adjacent Roads	1 x 2 = 2 (Very Low)		See Report
Informal Supervision	1 x 2 = 2 (Very Low)		See Report
General Surfacing - Grass	1 x 2 = 2 (Very Low)		See Report

Equipment

<u>No.</u>	<u>Equipment Item</u>	<u>Surfacing</u>	<u>Risk Score (Severity x Probability)</u>	<u>Action, Control or Comment</u>
1	Junior Multi-Play Unit	Grass Mats	4 x 2 = 8 (Medium)	See Report
2	Swing (Cradle)	Grass Mats	2 x 2 = 4 (Low)	See Report
3	Seat (Flat)	Grass Mats	3 x 2 = 6 (Low)	See Report
4	Activity Trail	Grass Mats	4 x 2 = 8 (Medium)	See Report
5	Spring Rocker - Turtle	Grass	3 x 2 = 6 (Low)	See Report
6	Toddler Multi-Play Unit	Grass Mats	3 x 2 = 6 (Low)	See Report
7	Goal Posts x 2	Grass	2 x 2 = 4 (Low)	See Report
8	Basket Seat Swing	Wetpour	3 x 2 = 6 (Low)	See Report
9	Roundabout	Wetpour	3 x 2 = 6 (Low)	See Report

THE ASSESSED LEVEL OF RISK FOR THE PLAYGROUND AT THE TIME OF THE INSPECTION IS – MEDIUM (Due to the timber decay on the activity trial, the condition of the junior multi-play unit and the barbed wire installed on the fence).

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Initial Views

The play area is a local sized facility, sited on an enclosed recreational field. It provides reasonable play activity and value.

Long Term Proposals

Monitor, maintain and inspect.

Ensure any future development of the site in terms of equipment, ancillaries and access embraces the ethos of the DDA and allows accessibility for all.

Cost Implications (Ballpark Figures)

Low to medium

Sutton Weaver Parish Council Comments: