

Milton Malsor Parish Council

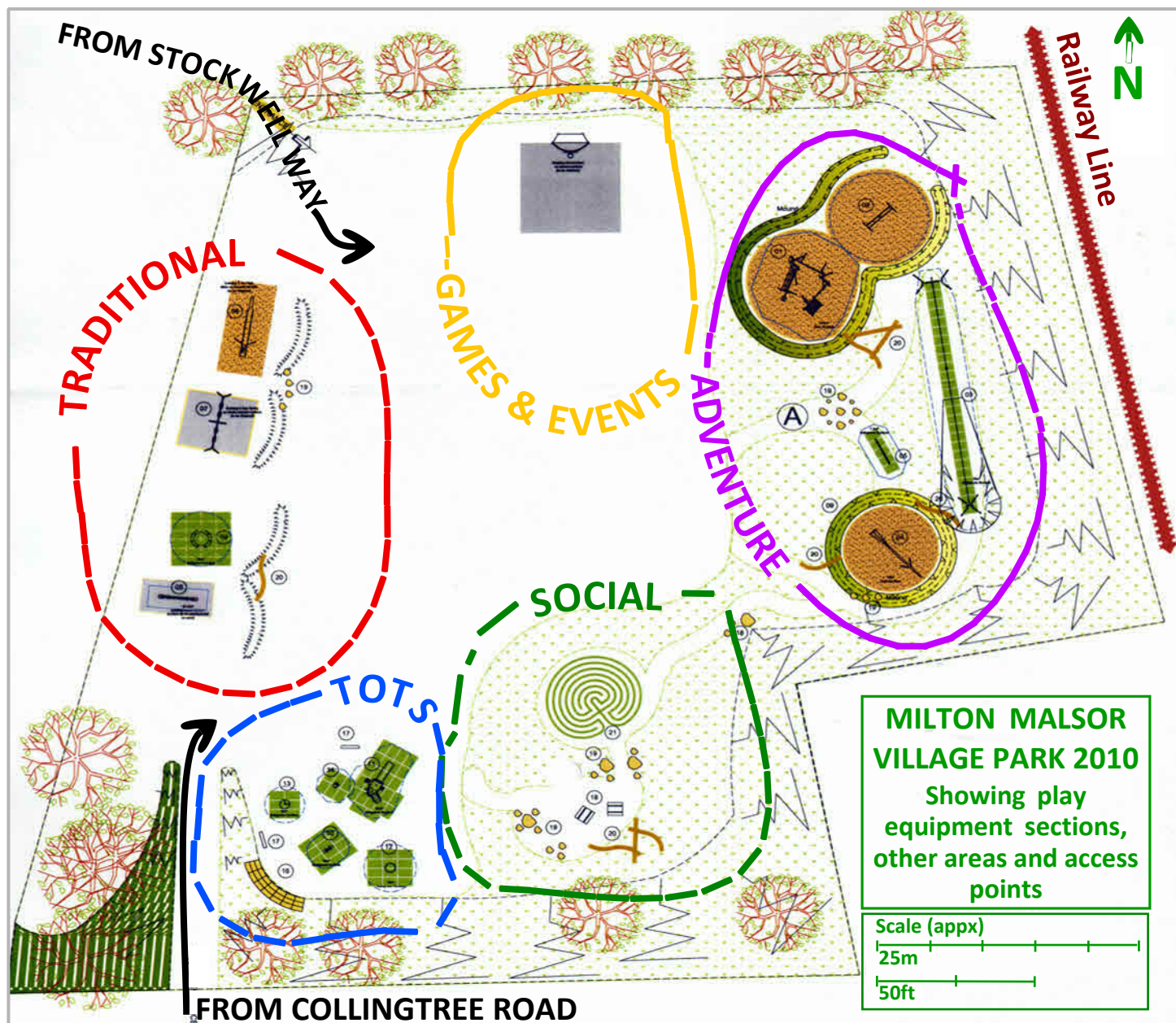
Village Park Play Equipment Assessment form

Date of Assessment **26 Sept & 3 October 2011**

Person(s) assessing S Hope

PURPOSE Assessments are made monthly by a member of the parish council to ensure that there are no serious defects with installed equipment which could cause harm to any persons using any item. Any defects found will be reported to the Clerk to the council for either immediate action in the case of serious defects, or further discussion in less serious cases. The check does not replace the more detailed annual inspection carried out professionally, but is supplementary to it and to avoid serious situations arising.

POINTS FOR NOTE FROM THIS INSPECTION - items needing attention from RoSPA report at back of this report with comments by SH in two cases.



1a : COLLINGTREE ROAD ENTRANCE Gate: Locked: **Yes** Condition: **Satisfactory**
 Ramp: **Satisfactory** Litter **Clear** Sign: **Satisfactory** Other comments: -

1a : REAR ENTRANCE Gate: Locked: **Lock broken** Condition: **Satisfactory**
 Ramp: **Satisfactory** Litter **Clear** Sign: **Satisfactory** Other comments: - **The gate self-shuts but would be better if it had a spring so it is not so easy for a dog to push open**

2: GENERAL APPEARANCE OF FIELD (eg litter, grass, perimeter fence, warning signs, other comments): **Satisfactory.** Litter bins part full, odd beer can discarded. Equipment not in use - school hours/poor weather

3: TRADITIONAL AREA

General Comments Water in tunnel

a) Big See-Saw

Operation **Satisfactory**

Stability **Satisfactory**

Wear or damage: **Nil**

Safety surface: **Satisfactory**

b) Galaxy

Operation **Satisfactory**

Stability **Satisfactory**

Wear or damage (esp rotating mechanism): **Nil**

Safety surface: **Satisfactory**

c) Swings **Satisfactory**

Operation **Satisfactory**

Stability **Satisfactory**

Wear or damage (esp chains at connecting points to top and to seats) and seats themselves: **Satisfactory**

Safety surface: **Satisfactory**

d) Slide

Stability **Satisfactory**

Wear or damage, cleanliness, stability - slide and steps, protruding parts eg bolts: **Satisfactory**



4: STOCKWELL WAY ENTRANCE

Path Condition **Satisfactory**
Other

Ramp Condition **Satisfactory**
Litter **Nil**

Other comments:

Gate and rabbit-proof fencing:

New installation since previous inspection
Satisfactory

5: GAMES AND EVENTS AREA

General Comments

Combo Goal Post/ Netball Hoop

General condition/corrosion **Nil**

Stability **Satisfactory**

Wear or damage **Nil**

Hard surface **Satisfactory**

6: ADVENTURE AREA

General Comments

Activzone Unit

General Condition **Satisfactory**

Stability of unit **Satisfactory**

Wear or damage **Satisfactory/Nil**

Metal corrosion **Nil**

Wood condition **Satisfactory**

Rubber & chain parts - **wear/damage Nil**



Cont'd...

.../6: ADVENTURE AREA/ cont'd

Activzone Unit/cont'd

Cables - tension **Not checked** - see general comments below

Cables - wear **Nil**

Smoothness/cleanliness - eg slide **Satisfactory**

Safety surface (wood chippings) **Satisfactory**

Cable Ride

Two metal supports - stability **Satisfactory**

- corrosion, damage **Nil**

Cable - corrosion, damage, excessive sag **Nil** see also general comments below

Compression springs, short and long - corrosion, damage **Nil**

Pulley - operation **Satisfactory**

- corrosion, damage **Nil**

Safety Surface (rubber mats) **Satisfactory**

Over head rotator

Stability **Satisfactory**

Operation **Satisfactory**

Corrosion/damage **Satisfactory**

Safety Surface (wood chippings) **Satisfactory**

Wagon lane

Stability **Satisfactory**

Operation **Satisfactory**

Corrosion/ Damage **Nil**

Safety surface **Satisfactory**

Single Point Swing

Stability **Satisfactory**

Operation **Satisfactory**

Corrosion/ Damage (esp chains and connecting points) **Nil**

Safety surface (wood chippings) **Satisfactory**

Needs raking - will attend to



7: TOTS AREA

Play House

Stability **Satisfactory**

Smoothness of slide etc **Satisfactory, clean**

Corrosion; wear; damage **Nil**

Safety surface & other comments **Satisfactory**



Dish roundabout

Stability **Satisfactory**

Operation **Satisfactory, clean**

Corrosion; wear; damage **Nil**

Safety surface & other comments **Satisfactory**



Seat rocker

Stability **Satisfactory**

Operation **Satisfactory, clean**

Corrosion; wear; damage **Nil**

Safety surface & other comments **Satisfactory**



Roundabout Rocker

Stability **Satisfactory**

Operation **Satisfactory, clean**

Corrosion; wear; damage **Nil**

Safety surface & other comments **Satisfactory**



See-saw rocker

Stability **Satisfactory**

Operation **Satisfactory, clean**

Corrosion; wear; damage **Nil**

Safety surface & other comments **Satisfactory**



8: OTHER COMMENTS Tree watering being carried out twice weekly

9: SIGNATURE/DATE Shaun Hope 12 July 2011

10: RoSPA Inspection items needing attention



PLAY AREA SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT

Site Owner: **Milton Malsor Parish Council**
Site Name: **Collingtree Road Playing Field**
Site Number: **1**
Date of Inspection: **30.06.11**
Inspected by: **RD**



Comments

What a transformation and a wonderful play space!!

Congratulations to all concerned for creating an excellent play facility with something for all ages and abilities.




Possibly the best play area in Northants!!

The present overall risk rating for the play space is **MEDIUM RISK**

If works and recommendations are undertaken the risk could be reduced to **LOW RISK**

ANCILLARY ITEMS

Recommended Maintenance and Risk Assessment Evaluation

Item	Type	Comments, action or control required	Risk Level†	Risk Score‡
Access	Concrete Drive/Ramp	Good	L	
Pathway	Crushed Stone	Good 	L	
Signs	Owner Dog Age Road	Good signage	L	
Fencing	Open site		L	
Gates	5 Bar metal gate	Vehicle access/dog walking 	L	
	Wooden gate	Entrapment on side(s) of gate <i>Adjust gate/posts/fit new rubber buffer to ensure a spacing of at least 12 mm throughout the range of the gate to remove the entrapment. The 12 mm gap also should apply on the hinge side of the gate. Medium risk</i> 	M	

Swing Tyre Cantilever
Sutcliffe Leisure
Approximate Date: 2011



Equipment EN 1176 Compliance

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

Bark Surfacing EN 1176 Compliance

The surfacing meets the dimensional requirements of EN 1176.

Recommended Maintenance and Risk Assessment Evaluation

	Comments, action or control required	Risk Level†	Risk Score‡
Equipment	This swing type has been associated with injury due to high spinning speeds when the chains are twisted together very tightly <i>It is recommended that the swing be checked on a routine basis to ensure that no unauthorised additions or alterations have been made to the chains, and that the bearing rotates freely, with appropriate remedial action taken where necessary.</i>	L/M	
Surfacing	No remedial maintenance work is required at this time		
The overall risk for the this item at the time of inspection:		L/M	
If work is completed the risk on this item can reduce to:		L	
† L = Low, LM = Low/medium, M = Medium, MH = Medium/high, H = High, U = Unacceptable			
‡ For scoring system see Report Notes			

Cableway
 Sutcliffe Leisure
 Approximate Date: 2011




Equipment EN 1176 Compliance

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

Matting Surfacing EN 1176 Compliance

The surfacing meets the dimensional requirements of EN 1176.

Recommended Maintenance and Risk Assessment Evaluation

	Comments, action or control required	Risk Level†	Risk Score‡
Equipment	<p><i>Adjust cable tension to raise seat</i></p>  <p>Minimum ground clearance loaded 16st at centre point 400mm</p>	M	
Surfacing	No remedial maintenance work is required at this time		
The overall risk for the this item at the time of inspection:		M	
If work is completed the risk on this item can reduce to:		L	
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SH COMMENTS: Ground clearance without load is slightly less than 400mm - can someone else please check. To discuss at park committee meeting

Games Wall & Seating



Equipment EN 15312 Compliance

The item meets with the requirements of EN 15312 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

Bitmac Surfacing EN 1176 Compliance

N/A

Recommended Maintenance and Risk Assessment Evaluation

	Comments, action or control required	Risk Level†	Risk Score‡
Equipment	No remedial maintenance work is required at this time		
Surfacing	Trip zones at edge of surface <i>Build up ground levels to remove trip hazard</i> 	M	
The overall risk for the this item at the time of inspection:		M	
If work is completed the risk on this item can reduce to:		L	
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Play Safety Inspection Report

The Report Notes form an essential part of this report

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12 Bay – 1 Cradle – 3 Junior Swings
Wicksteed Leisure Limited



Equipment EN 1176 Compliance




The item fails to meet the requirements of EN 1176 in the following respects:

The distance between the seat side and the support is insufficient

Wet Pour Surfacing EN 1176 Compliance

The surfacing meets the dimensional requirements of EN 1176.

Recommended Maintenance and Risk Assessment Evaluation

	Comments, action or control required	Risk Level†	Risk Score‡
Equipment	The distance between the seat side and the support is insufficient 	L	
	Loose swing seat eye-bolts <i>Tighten connecting nuts</i> 	M	
	<i>Not recommended use of this type of shackle</i> 	M	

SH COMMENTS: Inspected these and it is fairly minor but needs to be tightened with a socket set - will attempt to do this with a socket set over the next week or so - to discuss at park committee meeting.

Seesaw
Sutcliffe Leisure
Approximate Date: 2011




Equipment EN 1176 Compliance

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

Wet Pour Surfacing EN 1176 Compliance

The surfacing meets the dimensional requirements of EN 1176.

Recommended Maintenance and Risk Assessment Evaluation

	Comments, action or control required	Risk Level†	Risk Score‡
Equipment	No remedial maintenance work is required at this time		
Surfacing	Trip zones at edge of surface <i>Build up ground levels to remove trip hazard</i> 	M	
The overall risk for the this item at the time of inspection:		M	
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INSURANCE NOTES

The HSE and the Courts state that where practical risks should be reduced to "an acceptable level". It is worth noting that the courts are being reasonable robust regarding claims and RoSPA are aware of recent instances where the courts have not only thrown out speculative claims but have at the same time awarded costs against the claimant.

Successful litigation depends upon being able to prove negligence on behalf of the operator. Just because someone has an accident it does not mean that the operator was negligent. It could however be deemed that the failure of the operator to reduce risk to an acceptable level is negligence. Some items of equipment, by the very nature of the activity that takes place on them, are risked as being medium or high risk. This may well be deemed an acceptable level. For instance any sports facility (including Multi Use games areas etc) will normally be at least medium risk. This is because by playing sport there is always a risk of injury (torn ligaments, sprain injuries etc). Someone cannot successfully sue just because they get an injury. They have to prove that they got the injury as a result of the negligence of the site operator. Similarly Wheeled Sports (Skateboard etc) facilities, even in perfect condition, are high risk. This acknowledges that some "nasty" injuries occur when a skateboarder, for instance, tries a complex trick and gets it wrong with subsequent injury. The only time the operator could be held responsible is if the accident could be caused by their negligence and "getting a trick wrong" by the skateboarder is nothing to do with the operator

It should be appreciated that there is no such thing as "no risk". There is a risk associated with everything we do and Low Risk is as low as you can get. Therefore as you cannot get lower than low risk, it is reasonable that remedial work on items indicated with low risk failures in this report *and where some remedial action is suggested* is only undertaken when resources are available. Very low cost work is recommended to be completed within 12 months but in all other circumstances a much longer time cycle is acceptable and in the case of equipment nearing the end of its useful working life any action may not be considered necessary.

The comments in the Introductory Notes to this report also cover, when read in conjunction with the above, medium and high risk and this includes recommended time scales *where RoSPA are recommending remedial work*.

Finally, Professor David Ball, an advisor to the HSE, has estimated that the risk of a life threatening injury on any form of play area is less than 1:30,000,000. The HSE consider that a 1:10,000,000 chance is negligible so the risk of any life threatening injury on an area where children and young people play is insignificant.

In spite of this, RoSPA recommend that all site operators carry a minimum of £5,000,000 public liability insurance for their own protection and that they undertake routine documented inspections of their own in addition to the annual RoSPA report.

ROSPA WORLD WIDE

RoSPA Playsafety is the largest playground inspection service in the world with a presence on four continents. This provides a vast pool of expertise on play safety and the internal communication system is such that if, say, an inspector in Australia, finds a problem with a particular item of equipment, ALL RoSPA Playsafety inspectors throughout the world would be made aware of it, normally within 24 hours. RoSPA's world wide experience and access to accident data means that the risks indicated are based on hard evidence. This means that your report is based on this world wide experience and expertise.

Details of some of the other RoSPA Playsafety Services are listed on the rear cover of this report