

Rushton Recreation Ground

Report for RPC Meeting on the 15th July 2026 prepared by Mike Brightman.



General

Weekly inspections continue to take place to check the equipment and clearing up litter.

Repairs Required & Vandalism

Due to the extremely hot weather, the ground has dried out, causing several mole tunnels to collapse and creating a number of uneven areas. Once the extreme heat has passed, these affected areas will need to be filled or levelled.

Trees

The additional hawthorn plants have now been delivered to address the remaining gaps along this boundary. They have not yet been planted due to the hot, dry weather. They are currently being kept in their pots so they can be watered regularly until the autumn.

We have also acquired some additional trees for the park, which will be planted in the autumn. It is planned that children from the school will take part in the planting to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's 100th birthday.

This work was funded by an NCF grant, Recreation Ground Trees Maintenance 2026, from The New Albion Windfarm. The end-of-grant report needs to be completed by 1st September. I can confirm that the grant award of £5,454.00 has been fully spent, with a small overspend of approximately £150.00, subject to a final review.

Working Party

On Saturday 23rd, seven volunteers joined us at the recreation ground. We spent the morning thoroughly cleaning all the equipment, then enjoyed a cup of tea and a friendly chat afterwards. The next Saturday morning working parties are planned for Saturday 19th September and Saturday 10th October, please come along a join us.

Moles

At present, there is no mole activity within the recreation ground.

Dogs

Unfortunately, over the past two months, there have been several incidents where irresponsible dog owners have failed to clean up after their pets. This behaviour is unacceptable, especially in a children's play area. I would ask the Parish Council to approve the purchase of additional signs for the recreation ground.