

Rushton Recreation Ground

Report for RPC Meeting on the 20th May prepared by Mike Brightman.



General

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

Repairs Required & Vandalism

There is a section of rot around one of the fixing bolts on the small play unit's platform.

The Spinner unit has suffered vandalism, with many cuts made into the seat using a sharp knife. These incisions have left hazardous sharp edges posing a risk of injury to children. It is particularly concerning that someone brought a knife substantial enough to damage the hard seat material into the recreation ground.

Both incidents have been reported to NNC Parks for inspection and appropriate repairs.

Repairs Completed

Work has been completed to level and raise the ground beneath both goalposts and at the slide landing areas. Grass seed has been sown on all exposed patches to encourage regrowth.

Trees

Pruning of several large trees and trimming of the perimeter hedges within the recreation ground have now been completed.

Ten new hawthorn plants have been added along the northern perimeter to fill gaps in the existing hedgerow around the large cherry tree. A further eight plants have also been delivered to address remaining gaps along this boundary.

This work was funded by NCF Grant from The New Albion Windfarm.

Working Party

On Saturday 25th April five volunteers joined us in the recreation ground. We spent the morning thoroughly cleaning all equipment and afterwards enjoyed a cup of tea and a friendly chat. The next Saturday morning working party is scheduled for 23rd May.

Moles

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

Dogs

Unfortunately, over the past two months, there has been a significant increase in incidents where irresponsible dog owners have failed to clean up after their pets. This behaviour is unacceptable, especially in a children's play area.