

Annual Inspection

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Barby Village Hall Play Area

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Inspection Scope for RPII Inspection Methodology

This document outlines the RPII scope for inspections undertaken by the Inspectors listed as Annual Inspectors on the RPII Register of Inspectors when undertaking Indoor Annual, Outdoor Annual, Outdoor Operational and Outdoor Routine inspections.

Inspections are undertaken with reference to the standards listed in this preamble only; where no date for the standard is given it will be the standard that is current at the time of inspection except where overlap periods are granted by the standards committee when standards are updated. The information contained in reports is provided to assist the owner/operator in fulfilling their responsibilities as detailed in the relevant standard. Other standards referenced within the listed standards do not form part of the inspection, unless they are also explicitly listed here.

The following standards are relevant to all installations of equipment that are publicly accessible to users; this includes public parks, pay and play parks, schools, nurseries, public houses, holiday parks, indoor play centres, farm parks etc. All equipment used or employed in publicly accessible areas should meet with the requirements of the relevant standards (listed below):

BS EN 1176 Parts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 & 11 Playground equipment intended for permanent installation outdoors & indoors.

BS EN 1176 Part 7 - 'Guidance on Installation, Inspection, Maintenance and Operation' (this document gives guidance to the owners/operators of the facility on the installation, inspection, maintenance and operation of playground equipment, excluding ancillary items).

In the United Kingdom the National Foreword forms an important part to the understanding and implementation of the recommendations set out in this document. It clarifies the application of the document within the UK as best practice guidance, as the document has been used since its initial publication. Therefore, in the UK this standard (BS EN 1176 – Part 7) contains no requirements and needs to be read and implemented as guidance, with the use of the term 'shall' therefore becoming a recommendation, as in the term 'should'.

Domestic play equipment falls outside of the scope of BS EN 1176 and has its own standards (BS EN 71 series – Safety of Toys). Where domestic equipment can be identified this will be acknowledged in the report but any comments concerning compliance will follow the requirements and recommendations of BS EN 1176.

When water play items, including spray parks, are inspected any comments concerning compliance within the inspection will refer to BS EN 1176. We have not assessed these against the requirements of BS EN 17232 (Water play equipment and features).

Other equipment that is not clearly identified as unsupervised or domestic (natural play, self-build equipment etc.) will be assessed for compliance with the relevant standard listed below:

- BS EN 15312 Free access multi-sports equipment
- BS EN 14974 Skateparks
- BS EN 16630 Permanently installed outdoor fitness equipment
- BS EN 16899 Parkour equipment (plus RPII/API guidance notes)

Annual and Post Installation inspections will take into consideration compliance with these current standards, and defects related to wear and vandalism. Items not listed in the report have not been included in the inspection. The inspection will cover the playground equipment and the active area (that area which is obviously part of the playground), nominally up to three metres around, the fence line if closer, or other areas as agreed.

Operational inspections only take into consideration defects related to cleanliness, equipment ground clearances, ground surface finishes, exposed foundations, sharp edges, missing parts, excessive wear (of moving parts) structural integrity, wear and vandalism.

Routine visual inspections relate only to the most obvious defects such as broken or missing parts, litter, vandalism and issues created by severe weather conditions (the intention is to identify hazards created by storm damage).

All inspections are non-dismantling, non-destructive and do not include any structural, toxicology or impact assessments defined in the standard; however, the inspector will undertake a manual test for stability and if equipment fails under manual load, or any other hazard is identified as an unacceptable risk, the owner/operator will be notified as soon as practicably possible.

The inspector will access all reasonably accessible equipment and will assess all reasonably accessible parts above the standing surface. Where it is not possible to access parts of the equipment without employing an alternative means of access the report will record the action required by the owner/operator to ensure the continued safe use of the equipment.

Ancillary equipment will be assessed using the inspector's knowledge and experience of the standards named in this document. (Note: Ancillary items are not included in the specific equipment-type parts of the EN 1176 series; hence they are not assessed for compliance with EN 1176 series and are subject to a general safety assessment).

The owner/operator is responsible for the overall safety of the equipment and area.

The inspector will not undertake any of the following works unless specifically agreed in writing at the time of order:

Checking the depth and underlying structural integrity of any surface areas and/or carrying out any testing of the impact attenuating properties of any surfaces; the identification of any corrosion, rot or other deterioration in any apparatus or equipment other than by an external inspection; the inspection of any equipment (or part thereof) that is beneath the playing surface (loose-fill materials may be moved to expose foundations); tightening any bolts, hinges or other fixing devices on any apparatus or equipment; assessing or inspecting any electrical installations contained on any site and/or apparatus and/or equipment; assessing or inspecting any water supplies and/or water features and/or any associated computerised systems (including carrying out any programming); where planting or trees are mentioned in the report no assessments of toxicity, suitability or condition are undertaken – the owner/operator should have suitable inspections provided by a competent person.

The owner/operator should have a 'design risk assessment' provided by the manufacturer/designer of the area for the equipment and location in which the facility is installed.

The operator is responsible for managing risks of their provision and is required by law to carry out a 'suitable and sufficient assessment' of the risks associated with a site or activity. This inspection shall be considered as contributing to the operator's discharge of this responsibility.

The details contained within the report are a snapshot of the condition at the time of inspection only and subsequent events may affect the condition of the facility. Suggested remedial actions are based on the knowledge and experience of the inspector and/or that of the inspection company. The owner/operator should always seek the advice of the manufacturer or a competent person when undertaking repairs and/or modifications to equipment.

The operator is responsible for following the guidance of the relevant standards. The standards give guidance on the installation, inspection, maintenance and operation of the various types of facilities. The inspection guidance is listed in Table 1, with an indication of which parts will be included in an RPII Annual or Post-Installation Inspection. The relevant standards also contain additional parts which the operator should follow.

Inspection recommendations of relevant standards Refer to relevant standards for full text	Annual Main	RPII Annual/ Post Installation Inspection
6.1 d) Overall levels of safety of equipment (see note 1)	~	✓ [1]
6.1 d) Overall levels of safety of foundations (see note 1)	 	✓ [1]
6.1 d) Overall levels of safety of playing surfaces (see note 2)	~	✓ [2]
6.1 d) Compliance with the relevant parts of the standard and or risk assessment (see note 3)	~	✓ [3]
6.1 d) Effects of weather	 	~
6.1 d) Presence of rot, decay or corrosion (see note 1)	\checkmark	✓ [1]
6.1 d) Assessment of repairs made or added or replaced components (see note 4)	 	✓ [4]
6.1 d) Excavation or dismantling/additional measures	 	×
6.2.1 Assessment of glass reinforced plastics (see note 5)	\checkmark	✓ [5]
6.2.1 Inspection of one post equipment (see note 1)	 	✓ [1]
6.2.4 Undertaking the Operators inspection protocol	\checkmark	×

NB: The clause numbers in table 1 are taken from BS EN 1176 - Part 7:2020. The content is equally applicable to all other relevant standards listed herein. Playgrounds contain a range of equipment from different manufacturers and installed over a number of years; operators should implement any guidance provided by the manufacturer. Item specific detail is not readily available to RPII Playground Inspectors, whose report contributes to the operator's overall Annual Main Inspection as detailed in the relevant standards.

[1] A manual test only is undertaken for stability. Wear and instability are only detectable where readily apparent without dismantling or destruction and without the use of tools, excavation or specialist equipment. Rot and corrosion are tested or with a hammer and/or steel rod. Decay in timber may exist which can only be found with specialist equipment.

[2] Only the visible condition and dimensional compliance of surface extent is considered. Neither testing of impact attenuating properties nor measurement of the thickness of bound surfaces are undertaken on RPII annual inspections.

[3] The inspection assesses compliance where this can be tested on site using manual methods without dismantling, destruction and without the use of tools or specialist equipment.

[4] The operator should use manufacturer's recommended parts, or equivalent. We are unable to verify if such parts have been used, and any subsequent change in quality or performance.

[5] Visible glass fibres will be noted in reports. The operator is responsible for repairs or replacement.

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Risk Assessment Matrix

			Scores in	n the report a	are multiplica	ation factors	of Likelihood	x Severity
					Sev	erity>>		
	Very High probability, if the situation is not addressed an accident is almost certain.	5	Very High	VL (5)	L (10)	M (15)	H (20)	VH (25)
	High probability an accident is probable without any added factor.	4	High	VL (4)	L (8)	M (12)	H (16)	H (20)
Likelihood	Moderate probability an incident is foreseeable.	3	Moderate	VL (3)	L (6)	L (9)	M (12)	M (15)
	Some probability, requires a combination of factors to take place.	2	Low	VL (2)	VL (4)	L (6)	L (8)	L (10)
	No significant probability; lightning strike, freak accident.	1	Very Low	VL (1)	VL (2)	VL (3)	VL (4)	VL (5)
			L	Very Low	Low	Moderate	High	Very High
				1	2	3	4	5
	No injury likely e.g. damaged or soiled clothing, minor bruising, grazes							
						Severity>>		
Note 1: The total risk scores included within our reports are a multiplication factor of the calculated Likelihood and Severity of each finding. Both Likelihood and Severity are given a number between 1 - 5 as shown on the matrix above and these two numbers are then multiplied together to give the total risk score that is shown against defects on the report. Total risk scores can be divided in both directions, i.e. a total risk score of 12 could be a Likelihood (3) x Severity (4) or Likelihood (4) x Severity (3).								
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Note 2: When we inspect we only see a snapshot of the current condition of the equipment. It is the operators responsibility to ensure that there is a continuing level of maintenance to keep the equipment in good working order and the site fit for use.



Barby Village Hall Play Area

Inspection Ref: 2522618 Property Ref:1267033-425810 Site Ref: 90997 Service Object Ref:

Inspected: 29-October-2024 - 08:39 by Michael Allbright

Risk Assessment: 16 High Risk



Location:

The site is located in an area of public open space and is overlooked by a number of properties in the local community. **Disabled Access:**

Generally accessible; an area accessible to most.



12 - Moderate Risk		
Item: Manufacturer: Surface Type: Item Quantity: Equipment Compliance: Surface Area Compliance: Total Findings:	1 Bay 2 Seat (Cradle) Unknown Bark Mulch 1 N/A N/A 5	
Finding 1		Finding 2
There are weeds/vegetation area - Remove weeds/veget		The bushes are worn or missing - Replace worn or missing bushes
Finding 3		Finding 4
2 shackle nuts are missing -	Replace all missing fixings	The timber has a number of splits/shakes or air cracks and this may affect the stability or allow water ingress which will accelerate the rotting process. The swing frame is in generally poor condition - Monitor to ensure the splits do not cross through fixing points of the structure and/or cause any instability. Consider replacing the swing frame in the longer term
Finding 5		
There are bolt cap covers mi	ssing or damaged on the item -	

Replace missing or damaged bolt cap covers

16 - High Risk

Item:	Spring Bike	
Manufacturer:	Wicksteed Playgrounds	
Surface Type:	Bark Mulch	
Item Quantity:	1	
Equipment Compliance:	N/A	
Surface Area Compliance:	N/A	
Total Findings:	2	
Finding 1		Finding 2
The front section is broken	Chere is nothing for children to	The end of the footrests have a cross section of less than

The front section is broken. There is nothing for children to The end of the footrests have a cross section of less than hold onto when using the item - Replace the damaged parts 15cm2 and fail to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 are replaced or remove unit ASAP (DO NOT ALLOW CONTINUED USE)

Part 6 - Monitor - No remedial work recommended



12 - Moderate Risk T

Item: Multi Play (Toddler) Manufacturer: Sovereign Leisure Surface Type: Bark Mulch Item Quantity: **Equipment Compliance:** N/A Surface Area Compliance: N/A

Total Findings:





Finding 1

The loose fill safety surfacing has become compacted concrete visible - Rake and fork over to aerate the surface add material as required

12 - Moderate Risk

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ltem: Manufacturer:	Ship Sovereign Leisure	
Surface Type:	Bark Mulch	
Item Quantity:	1	
Equipment Compliance:	N/A	
Surface Area Compliance:	N/A	
Total Findings:	2	
Finding 1		Finding 2
There are woode/vegetation	growth between or eround the	There are areas or parts of the timber on the structure that

There are weeds/vegetation growth between or around the edges of the surfacing - Remove weeds/vegetation growth

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There are areas or parts of the timber on the structure that have rotted - Replace all affected timbers



9 - Low Risk		
Item:	Roundabout	
Manufacturer:	Unknown	
Surface Type:	EcoScape Softbond	
Item Quantity:	1	
Equipment Compliance:	N/A	
Surface Area Compliance:	N/A	
Total Findings:	4	
Finding 1		Finding 2
	ts foundations or the bearings any further deterioration and	There are weeds/vegetation growth within the surfacing - Remove weeds/vegetation growth
Finding 3		Finding 4
The item edge has been damaged - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required		The underside of the rotating platform shall be smooth for the first 500mm towards the axis to comply with the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 5 - Remove vegetation growth

6 - Low Risk		
Item:	Somersault Bars	
Manufacturer:	Unknown	
Surface Type:	Grass	
Item Quantity:	1	
Equipment Compliance:	N/A	
Surface Area Compliance:	N/A	
Total Findings:	1	
Finding 1		
The surface has eroded in so	ome areas - Reinstate the surface)



Item:	Trapeze Rings	
Manufacturer:	Unknown	
Surface Type:	Grass Matrix Tiles	
Item Quantity:	1	
Equipment Compliance:	N/A	
Surface Area Compliance:	N/A	
Total Findings:	2	
Finding 1		Finding 2

2 - Very Low Risk		
Item:	Litter Bin	
Manufacturer:	Unknown	
Surface Type:	Grass	
Item Quantity:	1	
Equipment Compliance:	N/A	
Surface Area Compliance:	N/A	
Total Findings:	1	
Finding 1		

This item is satisfactory - no work required -



6 - Low Risk		
Item:	Log Climber	
Manufacturer:	Unknown	
Surface Type:	Grass	
Item Quantity:	1	
Equipment Compliance:	N/A	
Surface Area Compliance:		
Total Findings:	3	
Finding 1		Finding 2
The timber has a number of splits/shakes or air cracks and this may affect the stability or allow water ingress which will accelerate the rotting process - Monitor to ensure the splits do not cross through fixing points of the structure and/or		There are bolt cap covers missing or damaged on the item - Replace missing or damaged bolt cap covers
cause any instability		1
Finding 3		
	chinery damage apparent on	
	the preservative applied to the ting process - Monitor for any	
deterioration (rot) and replac		
2 - Very Low Risk		
Item:	Bench	
Manufacturer:	Unknown	
Surface Type:	Grass	
Item Quantity:	2	
Equipment Compliance:	N/A	
Surface Area Compliance:	N/A	
Total Findings:	1	

Finding 1

This item is satisfactory - no work required -



6 - Low Risk		
Item: Manufacturer: Surface Type: Item Quantity: Equipment Compliance: Surface Area Compliance:	Rope Tunnel Unknown Grass 1 N/A N/A	
Total Findings:	3	
Finding 1		Finding 2
	issing or damaged on the item - d bolt cap covers	
Finding 3		
	the preservative applied to the tting process - Monitor for any e as required	
Item:	Misc Item	
Manufacturer:	Unknown	
Surface Type:	Grass	
Item Quantity:	1	
Equipment Compliance:	N/A	and the second s
Surface Area Compliance:	N/A	
Total Findings:	2	
		Finding 2
Finding 1	he timber on the structure that	Finding 2 There is some strimmer / machinery damage apparent on



6 - Low Risk ę. 2 Bay 2 Flat 1 Basket Seat Item:

Manufacturer: Unknown Surface Type: **Grass Matrix Tiles** Item Quantity: 1 **Equipment Compliance:** N/A Surface Area Compliance: N/A

Total Findings:

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Finding 1

The timber has a number of splits/shakes or air cracks and this may affect the stability or allow water ingress which will accelerate the rotting process - Monitor to ensure the splits do not cross through fixing points of the structure and/or cause any instability

6 - Low Risk		
Item:	Free Standing Slide	
Manufacturer:	Play & Leisure Ltd	
Surface Type:	Grass Matrix Tiles	
Item Quantity:	1	
Equipment Compliance:	N/A	
Surface Area Compliance:	N/A	
Total Findings:	2	
Finding 1		Finding 2
The surface has eroded in so	ome areas - Reinstate the	The slide is predominately south facing and will catch the
surface		majority of the sun's heat during the day. Slide surfaces can become very warm during periods of sustained sunny weather - Monitor - No remedial work recommended



6 - Low Risk			
Item:	Football Goal		
Manufacturer:	Unknown		
Surface Type:	Grass		
Item Quantity:	2		
Equipment Compliance:	N/A		
Surface Area Compliance:	N/A		
Total Findings:	3		
Finding 1		Finding 2	
There is surface corrosion present on the item - Consider treating the item		The surface has eroded in some areas - Reinstate the surface	
Finding 3			
NB: We have undertaken a maintenance inspection only of the football goal(s); full load testing falls outside the scope of our inspection Implement load testing as required			
8 - Low Risk			
Item:	Goalmouth and Basketball Pos	t 🎆	
Manufacturer:	SMP	and the second sec	
Surface Type:	Tarmac	ABENA	
Item Quantity:	1		
Equipment Compliance:	N/A		
Surface Area Compliance:	N/A		

Total Findings: 2	
Finding 1	Finding 2
The item has been damaged - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required	There are fixings missing on the item - Replace all missing fixings



ltem:	Perch Seat	
Manufacturer:	Unknown	
Surface Type:	Concrete	
Item Quantity:	1	
Equipment Compliance:	N/A	and the second s
Surface Area Compliance:	N/A	A second and a sec
Total Findings:	1	
Finding 1		

Item:

Manufacturer:

Surface Type:

Item Quantity:

Total Findings:

6 - Low Risk

Equipment Compliance:

Surface Area Compliance: N/A

Litter Bin

Unknown

Grass

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N/A

Finding 1 There is some evidence of fire damage to the item - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required



4 - Very Low Risk		
Item:	Basketball Post	
Manufacturer:	Unknown	adidas 📣
Surface Type:	Tarmac	
Item Quantity:	1	
Equipment Compliance:	N/A	
Surface Area Compliance:	N/A	
Total Findings:	1	
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Finding 1		
This item is satisfactory - no	work required -	
6 - Low Risk		
Item:	Pull Down Challenger	
Manufacturer:	Sunshine Gym	
Surface Type:	Grass	
Item Quantity:	1	A PARTY AND A PARTY AND A PARTY AND A
Equipment Compliance:	N/A	
Surface Area Compliance:	N/A	
Total Findings:	2	
Total Filluligs.	2	
Finding 1		Finding 2
The surface has eroded in se	ome areas - Reinstate the	Signage should be provided for the outdoor fitness
surface		equipment in accordance with the requirements of BS EN
		16630, key requirements of the sign include, but are not
		limited to, intended users, medical safety and emergency contact details - Provide appropriate signage
		contact details - Frovide appropriate signage



Item:	Site General	
Manufacturer:	Unknown	
Surface Type:	Grass	
Item Quantity:	1	
Equipment Compliance:	N/A	
Surface Area Compliance:	N/A	
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Total Findings:	1	

Finding 1

It is recommended that signage, with information including the site address, contact information for maintenance issues and emergency contact details are provided for the facility - Provide in accordance with the recommendations

😭 8 - Low Risk

Item:	Gate - Combination
Manufacturer:	Unknown
Surface Type:	Grass
Item Quantity:	1
Equipment Compliance:	N/A
Surface Area Compliance:	N/A
Total Findings:	1



Finding 1

The area under the gate has eroded leaving uneven areas, or the concrete foundations exposed, resulting in trip hazards at the entrance/exit to the playground - Reinstate to level with surrounding surfaces



Item:	Seat	
Manufacturer:	Unknown	
Surface Type:	Concrete	
Item Quantity:	2	and the same
Equipment Compliance:	N/A	
Surface Area Compliance:	N/A	A Start Bar
Total Findings:	1	

Finding 1

There is algae or moss on the surface of the equipment - Clean and treat appropriately

😭 8 - Low Risk

Item:	Gate - Pedestrian
Manufacturer:	Unknown
Surface Type:	Paving Slabs
Item Quantity:	2
Equipment Compliance:	N/A
Surface Area Compliance:	N/A
Total Findings:	1

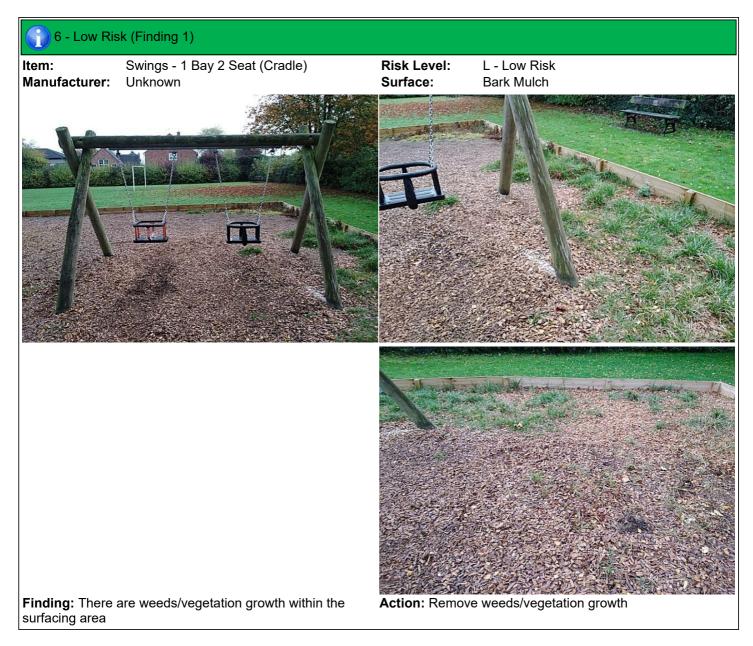


Finding 1

There are openings that are less than 12mm that could trap or crush fingers - Where possible a 12mm gap should be maintained on both sides or between the gate leafs



Findings information







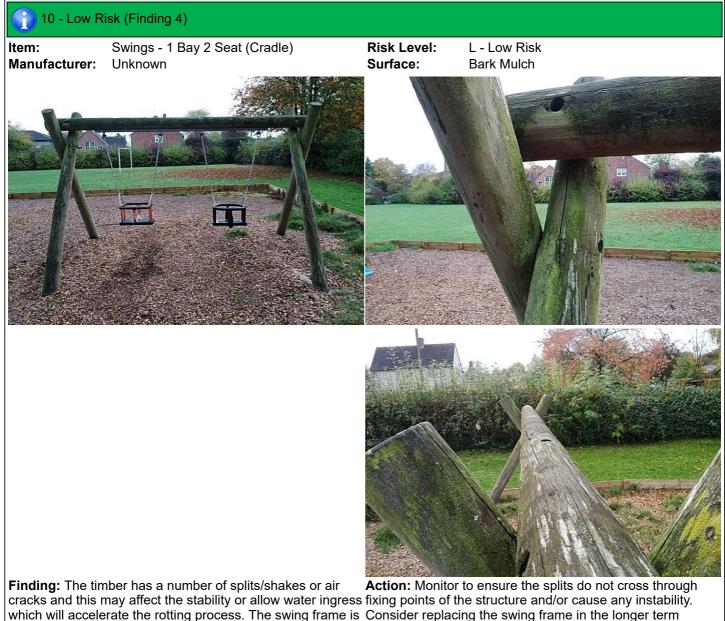
Finding: The bushes are worn or missing

Action: Replace worn or missing bushes



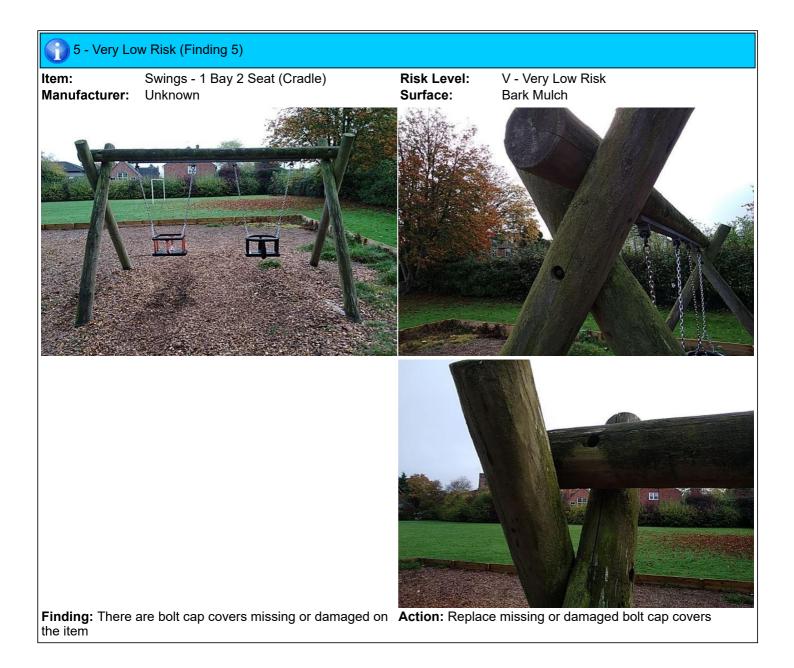






in generally poor condition







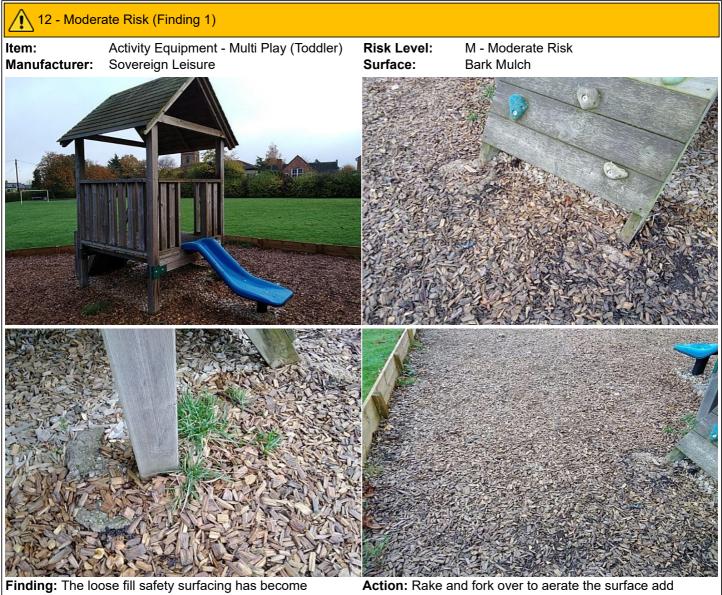




6 - Low Risk (Finding 2) Item: Rocking Equipment - Spring Bike Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds Finding: The end of the footrests have a cross section of Risk Level: L - Low Risk Surface: Bark Mulch

Finding: The end of the footrests have a cross section of less than 15cm2 and fail to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 6

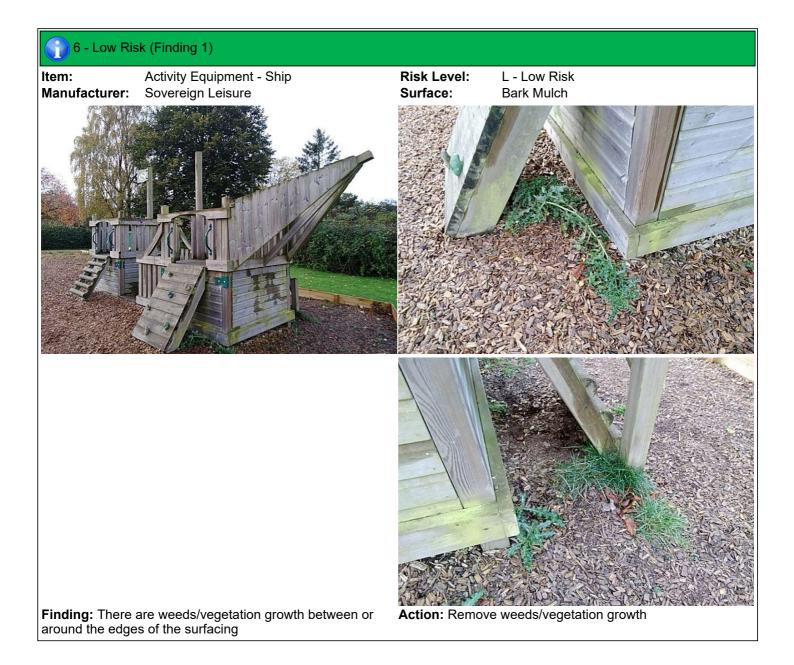




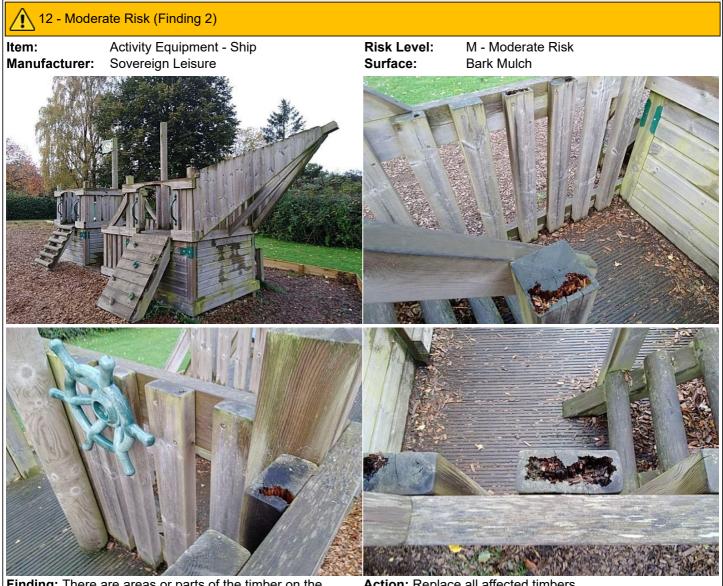
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material as required









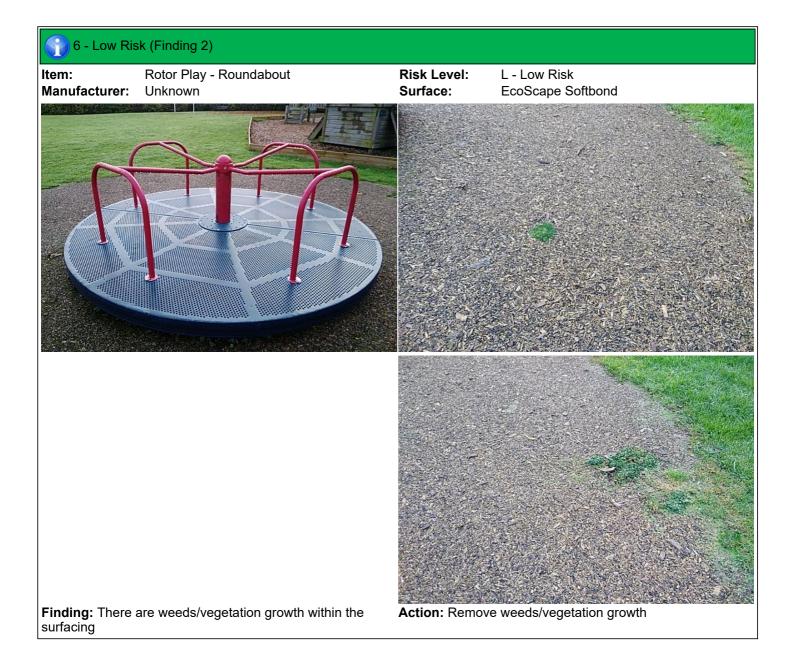
Finding: There are areas or parts of the timber on the structure that have rotted

Action: Replace all affected timbers

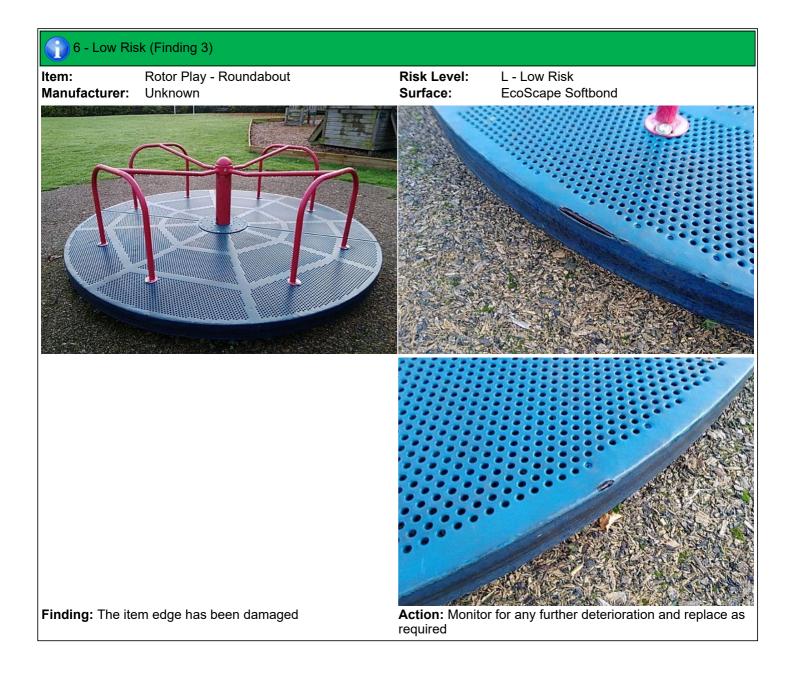














8 - Low Risk (Finding 4)

Item: Manufacturer:

Rotor Play - Roundabout Unknown



Finding: The underside of the rotating platform shall be smooth for the first 500mm towards the axis to comply with the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 5

Action: Remove vegetation growth

Risk Level:

Surface:

6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Activity Equipment - Somersault Bars Item: Unknown Manufacturer:

Risk Level: Surface:

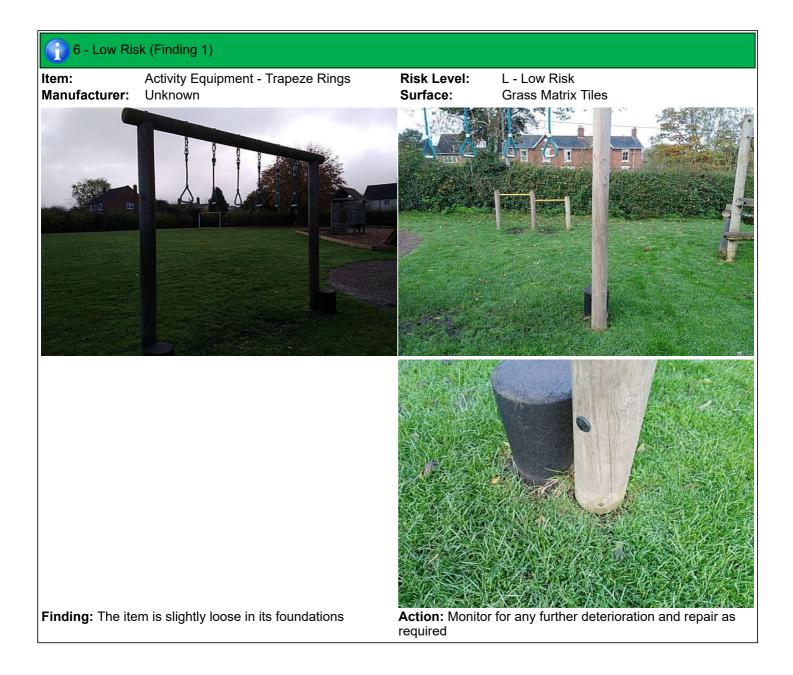
L - Low Risk Grass

L - Low Risk

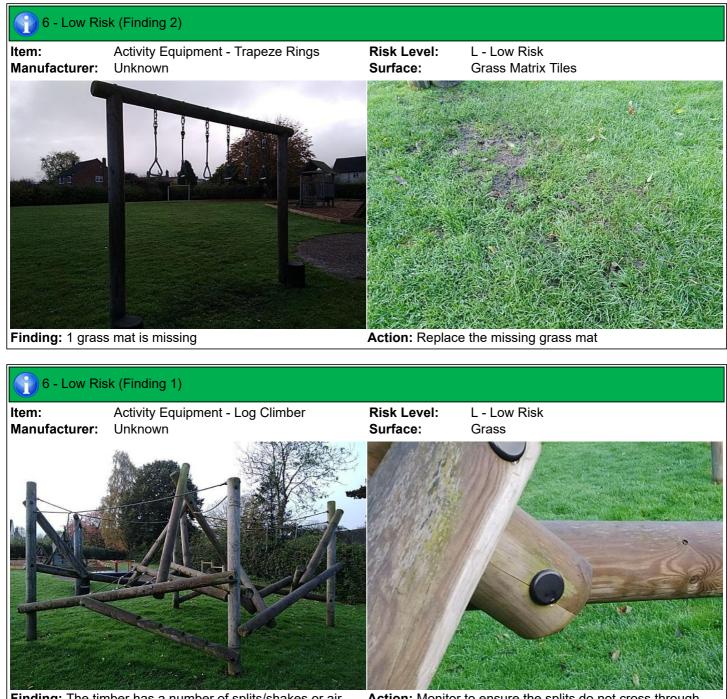
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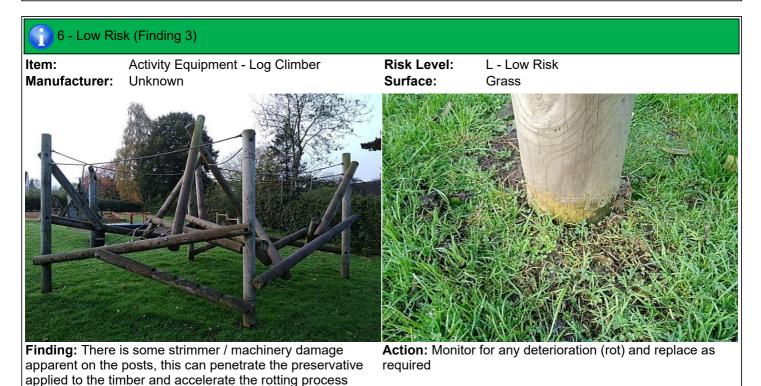


Finding: The timber has a number of splits/shakes or air cracks and this may affect the stability or allow water ingress fixing points of the structure and/or cause any instability which will accelerate the rotting process





Finding: There are bolt cap covers missing or damaged on **Action:** Replace missing or damaged bolt cap covers the item





5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 1) Item: Activity Equipment - Rope Tunnel Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk Manufacturer: Unknown Surface: Grass

Finding: There are bolt cap covers missing or damaged on **Action:** Replace missing or damaged bolt cap covers the item

6 - Low Risk (Finding 2) Item: Activity Equipment - Rope Tunnel



Finding: The timber has a number of splits/shakes or air **Action:** Monitor to ensure the splits do not cross through cracks and this may affect the stability or allow water ingress fixing points of the structure and/or cause any instability which will accelerate the rotting process



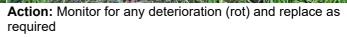
6 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

Item: Activity Equipment - Rope Tunnel Manufacturer: Unknown Risk Level: Surface:

L - Low Risk Grass



Finding: There is some strimmer / machinery damage apparent on the posts, this can penetrate the preservative applied to the timber and accelerate the rotting process







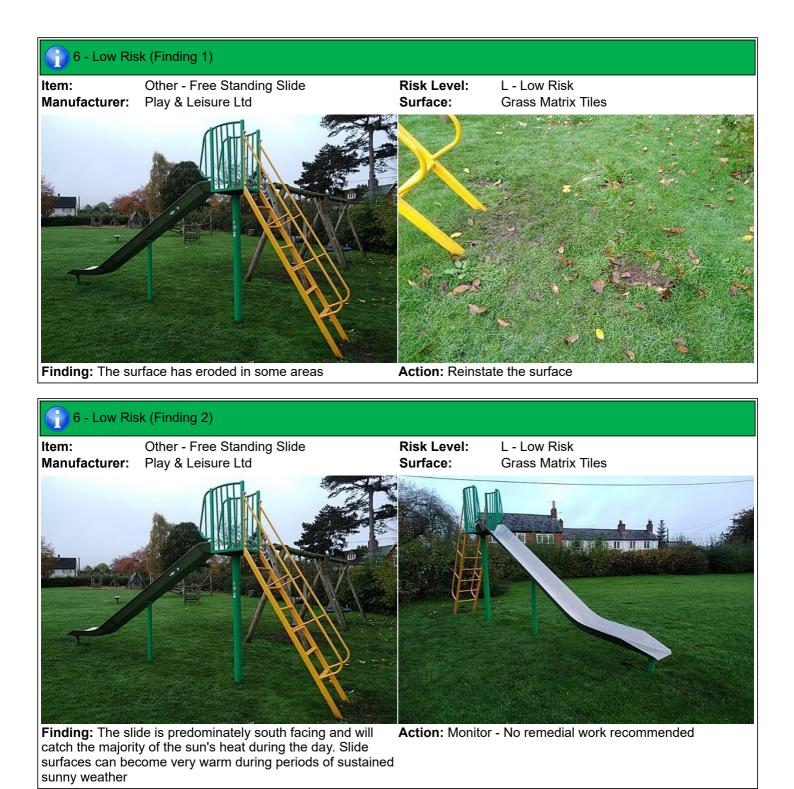














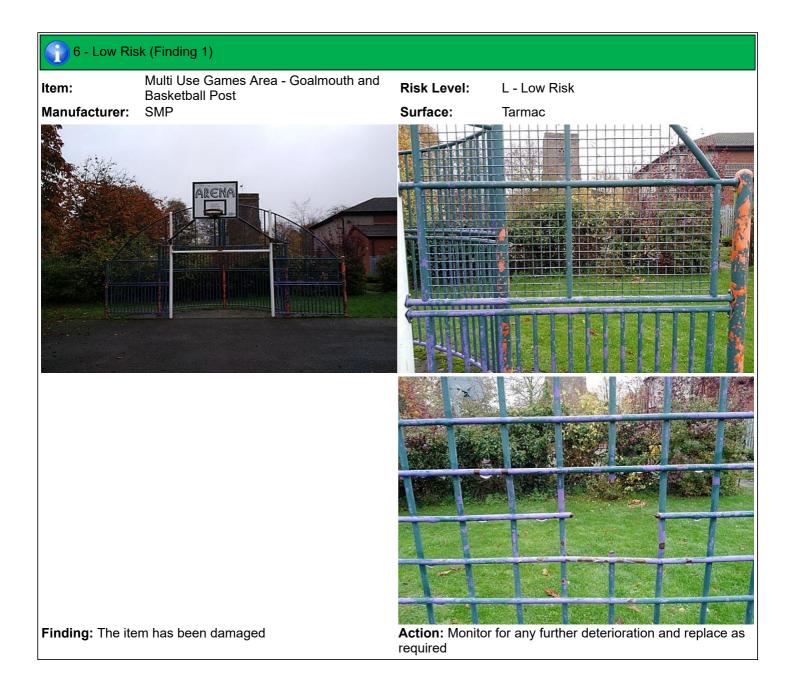




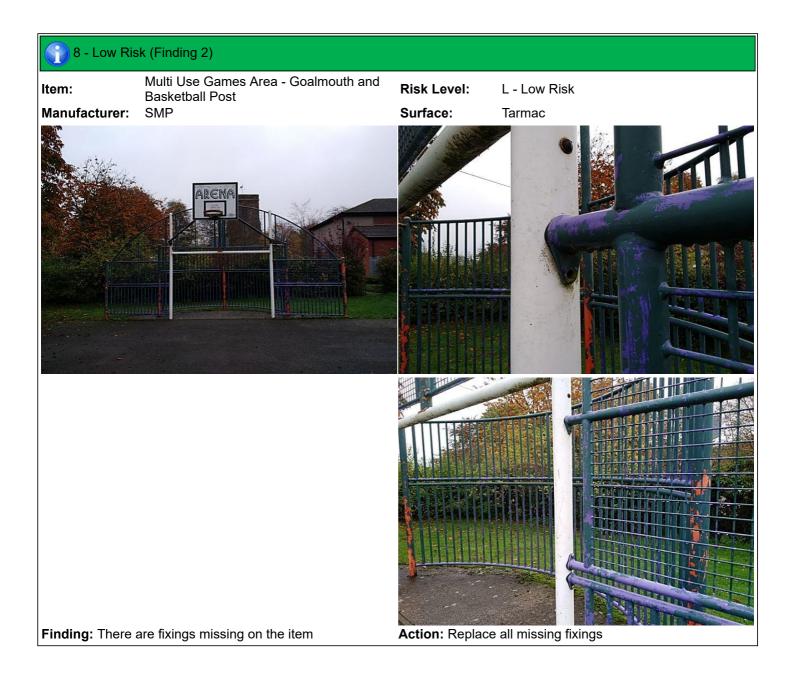


inspection only of the football goal(s); full load testing falls outside the scope of our inspection.















🕤 6 - Low Ris	k (Finding 1)		
Item:	Outdoor Fitness Equipment - Pull Down Challenger	Risk Level:	L - Low Risk
Manufacturer:	Sunshine Gym	Surface:	Grass
Finding: The cur	rface has eroded in some areas	Actions Bains	And



Item:	Outdoor Fitness Equipment - Pull Down Challenger	Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk	
Manufacturer:	Sunshine Gym	Surface:	Grass
equipment in acc 16630, key requi	e should be provided for the outdoor fitness cordance with the requirements of BS EN irements of the sign include, but are not ed users, medical safety and emergency	Action: Provid	de appropriate signage



Note: Section: Provide in accordance with the recommendations

Finding: It is recommended that signage, with information including the site address, contact information for maintenance issues and emergency contact details are provided for the facility

8 - Low Risk (Finding 1) Item: Gates - Gate - Combination Manufacturer: Unknown Surface: Grass

Finding: The area under the gate has eroded leaving uneven areas, or the concrete foundations exposed, resulting in trip hazards at the entrance/exit to the playground

Action: Reinstate to level with surrounding surfaces







