

Parks Report: 9 April 2015

The Parks Department welcomed the replacement Groundsman/Gardener last month and we hope he has a long and rewarding career with the Town Council.

The new contractor has commenced the grass cutting/gang mowing contract.

The Annual Playground Inspection has taken place and we have received the report.

• **Swanscombe Park:**

Major Spring renovations have been completed on the Town Green and minor works are ongoing. The tennis courts are open for the Easter holidays. We will be planting summer bedding in the next few weeks.

• **Manor Park:**

Eroded areas will be filled with seed and soil after the Easter holiday. Vandalism and general nuisance have dropped off markedly in recent weeks.

• **Broomfield:**

We are in the last few weeks of the football season and have had in the region of 200 matches so far with remarkably few cancelled by the parks department (9). Cricket preparations are well underway.

The roof to Broomfield garage was damaged in a break in last month and has since been repaired.

Eroded areas will be topped up in the coming weeks.

The shrub beds in Neptune Park adjacent to Broomfield Road have suffered from fly tipping of general building and household rubbish and a lot of car tyres.

A cradle and flat swing in the children's play area have had replacement seats.

We have obtained quotes for pruning of the shrub beds in Neptune Park.

• **Heritage Park:**

The annual Easter Egg Hunt takes place on 2 April.

Damage has been caused to the play equipment by dog owners allowing/encouraging their dogs to attack it. This has been reported to the Police but we have been advised that unless the culprits are actually evidenced encouraging their dogs to do it there is little the Police can do.

• **Knockhall:**

The football pitches have stood up well to the rigors of the season and will be made available through May to allow teams to complete their fixtures.

There are some eroded areas in the playground which will be filled in the coming weeks.

Parks staff have been monitoring the unauthorised use of the marked out pitches.

- **Spring Vale:**

An Oak tree fell over during a storm in late February due to fungal disease causing rot in the roots. The tree survey of the middle section has been completed. Unfortunately fly tipping continues to be a problem.

- **Valley View:**

The wooden gate has been repaired.

- **Saxon Court:**

Staff are monitoring the use of the playground by dog walkers.

- **Equipment:**

Both vans have passed the MOT.

The new ride on mower has been delivered and is being put to good use.

- **“We’re watching you” – dog fouling campaign:**

Further to minute 414/14-15, the posters and stickers were purchased and have been put up around the parks and on the dog fouling litter bins.



AGENDA ITEM
RLA 9/4/15 7.1

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04/03/2015

Tree Safety Inspection Report Feb 24th 2015

Woodland strip alongside Spring Vale, Greenhithe

Introduction

I am instructed by Graham Blew of Swanscombe and Greenhithe Town Council to carry out a safety inspection along the main body of the woodland strip alongside Spring Vale, Greenhithe.

The inspection is a visual inspection carried out at ground level. There was no climbing carried out.

Tools at my disposal were binoculars, a sounding mallet and a metal probe to test the soundness of any suspect areas.

The weather was bright and lightly breezy.

The inspection was carried out on Feb 24th 2015.

The site is in the edge of old earth works that have been reclaimed in the past for building houses. An old aerial photo in the 40's shows there to be no bank or Spring Vale.

The trees are growing on a sandy soil that has a clay component. It is noted that there is soil erosion and movement from the top to the bottom. This does have implications for the stability of the trees, particularly on the steepest part of the bank itself.

The soil will tend to build up on the upper side of the root plate and move away from the lower side of the trunk.

In the vast majority of the trees, the root system is well designed to cope with this. Potential failure times are when the bank washes or is dug away quicker than the root system can adapt.

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One example is T6 Oak, with what appears to be a foxhole under the rootplate. The recommended course of action is to reduce the height of this tree to approx. 5m to retain the tree and help stabilise the bank by not felling the tree.

Every tree was looked at, the majority of them did not have any untoward defects that would pose an unacceptable risk.

In the few days before the survey was carried out an Oak tree (near T4 and T5) fell over in the night. Apparently it was windy with a strong gusty component.

Having looked at the tree and its (now exposed) roots, I would make the following observations.

The Oak tree was of medium age, woodland growth and on a steep bank composed of what felt like sand with a light clay component, overlaid by a shifting organic layer. The bank piles up on the upper side of the tree in places approx 1m higher than the downhill side.

The tree habit was tall, relatively narrow crown spread (as was its neighbour that also fell). There was a smattering of deadwood high in the crown, but otherwise the vigour was good. No evidence of decay or damage was found at the base of the trunk.

The tree had minimal ivy, so that was not a factor.

The roots have denatured to a pale saffron colour, soft and rotten to the touch with little mechanical strength. Mycelium layers are present within the root structure and 'bootlace' evidence of Armillaria.

At present it is suspected that the tree failed due to a below ground Honey fungus infection. There is very little that can be done to combat this in a woodland setting.

Recommendation

The course of action to prevent a re-occurrence is limited. It is not practical to uproot trees to inspect their roots, neither is it a measured response to fell all trees.

Woodlands are the natural home of Armillaria, which favours some trees more than others. Trees that are within a woodland away from designated paths will have a lower risk rating because they are unlikely to harm anyone, whereas trees close to frequently used roads/pathways, houses or school will require a greater level of inspection.

A measured approach is to more closely examine trees that present a risk to a known hazard, eg massive tree close to a house.

It is possible to see on 'Google Earth' what appears to be the affected tree, if it is the tree, it does appear to have chlorotic (yellowing) foliage. A quick look at the trees when they have their leaves on them will often show symptoms of ill health.

I have specified some works as prudent management to reduce the likelihood of failure, eg T2 Poplar is a very big tree, it would just about reach the edge of the nearby property, it has a cavity in the base, and so works are recommended in the next 3 months.



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T9 Poplar is similar, except that it doesn't have a cavity, therefore while the same criteria apply, it has a works recommendation of within 6months.

Ivy in the trees:

I have noted (and spray marked in red) approx. 55 to 60 trees with the worst ivy infestation. Ivy when excessive will suppress the vigour of the tree, will act as a wind sail in the winter months when water can load the leaves and the strongest winds are expected. This coupled with a wet soil can bring trees over.

The cutting (severing) of the ivy will cause it to die. It will bring about a gradual removal of the ivy cover that will not cause disturbance to any nesting birds. It will however reduce the probability of failure.

It is noted in passing that it appears that others are felling and cutting trees in places along the top line of the woodland.

Only trees that were worthy of requiring action are listed in the table below.

The following information is given in the table below:

Tree number: Refers to the tree number marked on the accompanying plan for location.

Tree Species: Is usually given as the common name where there is no confusion.

Defect: Describes the potential for harm that is worthy of note.

Action: The works required to prevent the potential harm.

Notes: Is just for additional information that may be useful.

Priority: Is a measure of the urgency for the carrying out of any action.

1. High Priority, to be done within 3 months unless otherwise stated.
2. Medium Priority, to be done within 6 months
3. Low Priority, to be done within 12 months.

Variations to the above may include the instruction "to be done immediately" or advice that works may be done as and when budget and time allow.

(These two variations do not appear in this particular report as they are not needed).



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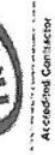
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Tree number	Species	Defect	Action	Notes	Priority
1	Elm	Twin tight fork	Reduce side towards the house	Low priority	3
2	Poplar	Cavity at base. Heavy lean to house below	Reduce weight by reduction of 40%	High priority	1
3	Poplar	Leaning. Nearly dead	Fell	Shaded by no.2	2
4	Dead oak	Dead	Fell	By fallen oak	2
5	Oak	Heavily Ivy clad. Leaning	Fell	By fallen oak	3
6	Oak	Exposed root plate with foxhole underneath	Fell to 5m		2
7	Oak	Exposed root plate	Fell to 4m		2
8	Silver Birch	Fallen. Hung up	Fell	Stable at present	3
9	Poplar	Heavy crown, weighted towards property	Reduce crown by 40%	Prudent works	4
10	Silver Birch	Fallen. Hung up	Fell	Stable	3
11	Sycamore	Exudate in lower fork.	Re inspect 1yr	Fork filled with soil. Probe found no decay	3

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Leaning on
underside at base

13 Dead
tree

Dead, Leaning into another
tree

14 Robinia

Decay in bottom 3 metres.
Ivy clad

15 Dead stem

Dead

Multiple
Trees

Various in various
locations

12 Sycamore	Leaning on underside at base	Fell	Low urgency but can reach potential building site	3
13 Dead tree	Dead, Leaning into another tree	Fell	Close to area dug out by kids	2
14 Robinia	Decay in bottom 3 metres. Ivy clad	Fell	In range of nearby development works	2
15 Dead stem	Dead	Fell	Falling range of path	2
Multiple Trees	Various in various locations	Heavily Ivy clad	Sever Ivy	Only the heaviest infestation - approx 55 to 60 trees have been marked (Red dot on Ivy)

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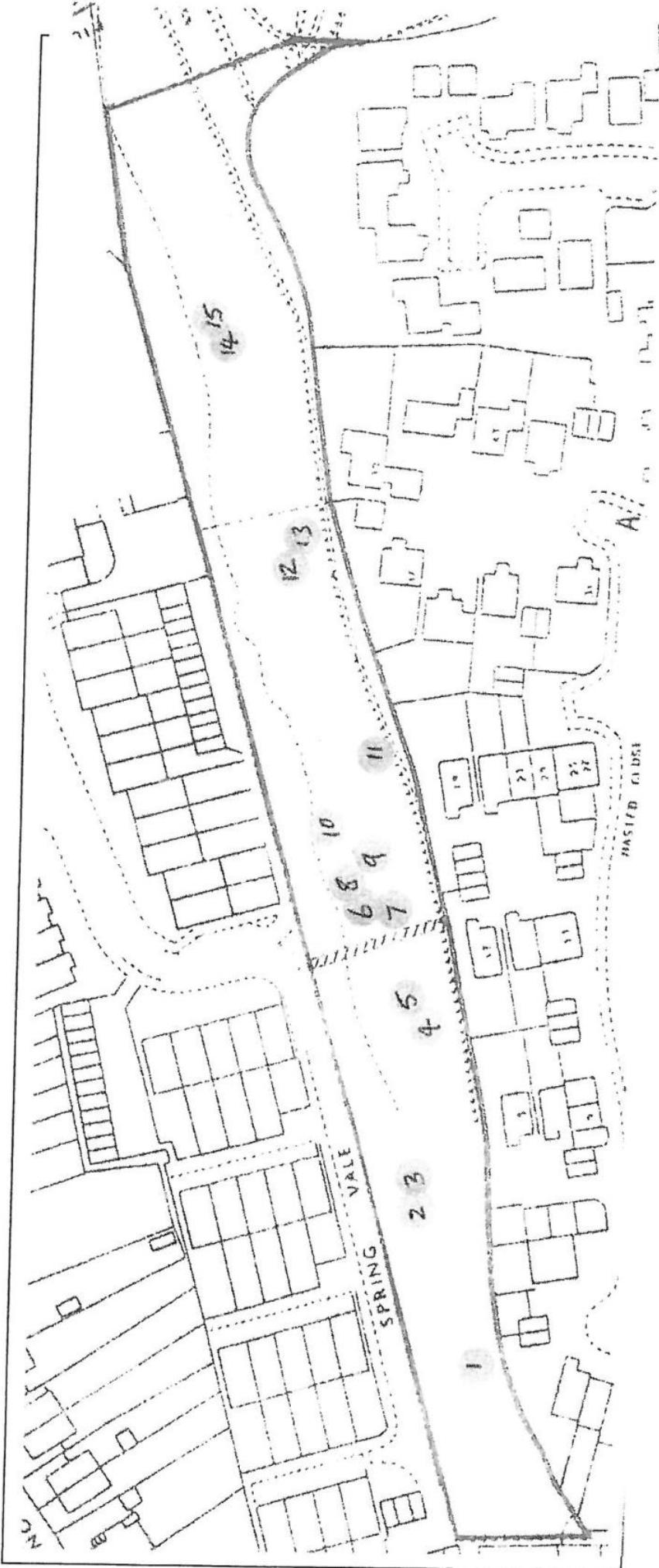




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Location Map



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Inspection frequency

The risk level and the hazard rating will assist in determining the frequency of inspection. A high risk rating is likely to be alongside a main road or motorway or alongside a high use area at a school or houses. A low risk area may be away from authorised footpaths in a woodland.

Of course, the size of tree will affect how often a tree will be looked at, because a big tree can cause more damage than a little tree. Stormy weather may destabilise or even damage a tree, leaving it in a dangerous state.

It is often a matter of probability in storms as to whether a tree may fail or not. Whether it is uprooted or not, or fails due to an unseen problem.

In a high risk area, generally the trees will be surveyed once a year, not necessarily by an expert, but someone who has a reasonable working knowledge of trees.

It is often beneficial to have a look at different times of the year, because the colour and demeanour of the leaves can give clues as to the health of the tree.

In a lower risk area, trees may be examined every three to five years.

It is important to have an experienced inspector periodically look at particularly high risk trees, because there are often tell-tale signs that can give warnings of hazards. Often it is simply better to have a trained professional look at the trees, identify defects and specify a course of action.

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408/14-15. SPRING VALE WOODED AREA.

Further to minute 287/14-15 members were provided with a quotation to carry out a survey on the middle area (i.e. the trees that had not yet been surveyed).

Recommended: That the survey, as per the quotation, be carried out.

AGENDA ITEM 7.1

RECREATION, LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE
27 NOVEMBER 2014

RLA 9/4/15

288/14-15. SENIOR GROUNDSMAN/GARDENER'S REPORT.

The Senior Groundsman/Gardener updated members on the work undertaken, by the Parks Department and also the work planned for the future which included:

Swanscombe Park, Manor Park, Broomfield, Knockhall, Heritage Park, Saxon Court, Valley View and Spring Vale.

Members asked that their gratitude to the Parks Staff for the manner in which they undertook their tasks be recorded

Recommended: That the item be noted.

289/14-15. ISTEAD RISE BOWLS CLUB – REQUEST TO INSTALL ASTROTURF COVERING TO "DITCH BOARDS".

Members considered and agreed to the request.

Recommended: That the request be approved.

290/14-15. CHANGE IN ORDER OF AGENDA.

291/14-15. TREE WORKS UNDERTAKEN.

The Town Clerk detailed the works that had been undertaken at both Swanscombe Park and at Saxon Court / Alkerden Lane.

Recommended:

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- 1 That the actions of the Town Clerk in having these works undertaken be noted and endorsed.
 - 2 That it be agreed for quotations being obtained for a Tree Survey to be undertaken on the Town Council's trees with a view to formalising a programme of works for the future.

292/14-15. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC.

MOVED BY Councillor B E Read and seconded by Councillor R J Lees;

RESOLVED:

That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information.

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19 January 2015

Dear Sirs

TREE SURVEY ENQUIRY.

The Town Council would like to request a quotation for the undertaking and supply of a Tree Survey of the mature trees within it's' parks. The Town Council are responsible for 7 parks/open spaces within the Town and would like the survey to supply the following information:-

- Map/Diagram locating/identifying each tree by species;
- Details of the condition of each tree;
- Details of/if any work is required to each tree to ensure it is safe and is able to continue to grow healthily;
- Level, of urgency for any suggested work to each tree;
- Cost of any suggested work to each tree.

Please contact our Senior Groundsman/Gardener (Mr Dan Usher 07736 255774 or 01322 383302) to make the necessary arrangements for you to be shown the areas within the Town that are required to be included in the survey.

Yours sincerely

Graham Blew
Town Clerk

PROPOSED CHILDREN'S SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT DURING SCHOOL SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2015 £2500 budget

Option 1:

Entertainment	Venue	Duration	Price
Mrs Roundabout	Heritage Park	1	£90
Mrs Back to Front	Broomfield	1	£110
Micky the Magician	Swanscombe Park	1.5	£190
Animal Magic	Broomfield	2	£385
Laser Storm	Knockhall	2	£295
Circus Sensible	Broomfield	3	£450
Laser Storm	Swanscombe Park	2	£295
Animal Magic	Knockhall	2	£385
Mrs Back to Front	Heritage Park	1	£110
Mrs Roundabout	Knockhall	1	£90
Total Cost for Option 1		16.5	£2,400

Option 2:

Entertainment	Venue	Duration	Price
Science Boffins	Swanscombe Park	2.5	£545
Beezerak	Knockhall	3	£490
Laser Storm	Broomfield	2	£295
Animal Magic	Knockhall	2	£385
Mrs Roundabout	Swanscombe Park	1	£90
Mrs Back to Front	Heritage Park	1	£110
Laser Storm	Knockhall	2	£295
Animal Magic	Broomfield	2	£385
Total Cost for Option 2		15.5	£2,595

Option 3:

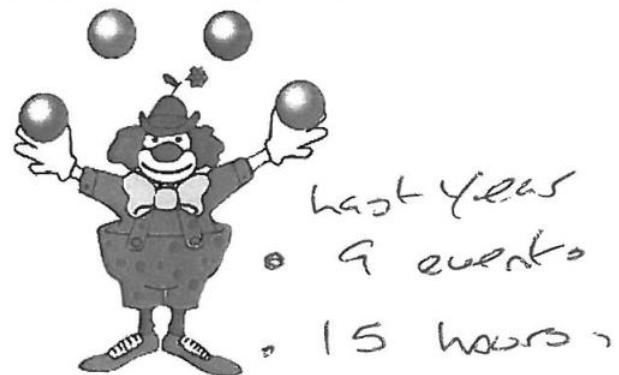
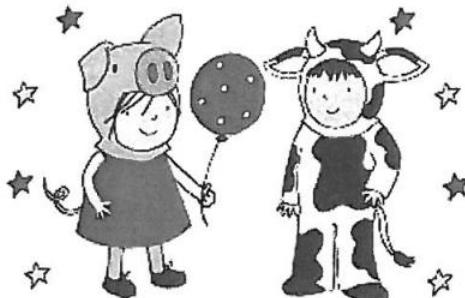
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Science Boffins	Broomfield	3	£545
Mrs Roundabout	Heritage Park	1	£90
Laser Storm	Swanscombe Park	2	£295
Animal Magic	Knockhall	2	£385
Circus Sensible	Knockhall	3	£450
Animal Magic	Broomfield	2	£385
Simply Smiley	Heritage Park	2	£450
Total Cost for Option 3		15	£2,600

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SWANSCOMBE & GREENHITHE TOWN COUNCIL



PROGRAMME OF SUMMER ACTIVITIES 2014.



❖ BROOMFIELD PARK, The Grove:

Weds 30 July	2 – 4 pm	Animal Magic
Thurs 14 August	2 – 4 pm	Laser Storm (Over 7's)

❖ HERITAGE PARK, Craylands Lane:

Thurs 7 August	2 – 3 pm	Mrs Roundabout
Weds 20 August	2 – 3 pm	Micky the Magician

❖ KNOCKHALL PARK, Knockhall Road:

Weds 6 August	2 – 4 pm	Kinetic Circus Skills Workshop
Thurs 21 August	2 – 4 pm	Animal Magic
Weds 27 August	2 – 4 pm	Laser Storm (Over 7's)

❖ SWANSCOMBE PARK, Park Road:

Weds 13 August	2 – 3 pm	Mrs Back to Front
Thurs 28 August	2 - 4 pm	Kinetic Circus Skills Workshop

IN THE EVENT OF BAD WEATHER THESE ACTIVITIES WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE SWANSCOMBE CENTRE, CRAYLANDS LANE, SWANSCOMBE, DA10 0LP.

Mrs Back to Front - Well as you can gather I am a children's entertainer called Mrs Back to Front who will come to your party and bring a ray of sunshine into your children's lives. I must apologise but I do get into a muddle and often wear my clothes back to front, I never know whether I'm coming or going and often make the children laugh so much that it takes a week for them to stop smiling.

Circus Sensible & Beezerak - Everyone will have the opportunity to learn a selection of circus skills, including diabolo, juggling balls/clubs, poi, stilts and spinning plates. Circus Time also carries out fire dance performances, make-and-do workshops and can provide stilt-walkers, as well as having contacts with a wide variety of other entertainers.

Mrs Roundabout - Games - Magic - Puppets - Story Telling - Junior Punch & Judy Theatre. Songs and Dances.

Animal Magic - Childrens entertainers based in East Sussex. We have built up a small collection of domestic and exotic animals that live with us as part of our family. We travel all over the South of England including Central London. We would describe our selves as a small travelling zoo. What started of as a hobby with one barn owl, a dog, a few rabbits and a pet rat some twenty years ago has now developed into something on a much larger scale with over thirty seven different species. With owls, parrots, South African Hedgehogs, Patagonian Maras, opossums, Meerkats, skunk. Lots and lots of domestic cute and cuddly for the little children. Snakes, lizards, insects, frogs, tortoises and crabs for the more adventurous. The list just keeps growing. We will come and visit you at the venue of your choice with as many or few animals as you would like to meet depending on the type of event you are holding.

What is LaserStorm?

LaserStorm is an electronic, interactive LaserTag game, utilizing the latest technology X-blaster laser guns. Players have an X-blaster laser gun each, and either individually or as a team use stealth and tactics to target the opposing players or teams, gain the most points and win the game.

The action takes place in a unique laser arena, on three themed deck levels with ramps, doorways, and other scenery to create a futuristic battle zone. This darkened, pulsating and misty arena has smoke and special light effects to add to the excitement! LaserStorm games are computer controlled and players download their scores at the end of the game to see who is top gun.

Simply Smiley - What you need are our Incredibly Talented Professional Actors who will come along in a Spectacular costume of your choice and will provide Magic Tricks, Face Painting, Balloon Modelling, Puppets and Party Games. Or have us come and Dress the Room, provide dancefloors and lighting... build Santa's Grotto... and provide your audience with a Full scale show that will entertain up to 250 children. Our actors will come dressed in a variety of costumes: Fairy, Princess, Superhero, Clown, Pirate, Pixie or anything else you can dream up! We also provide seasonal characters at Easter, Christmas & Halloween.

Micky the Magician specialises in Magic, Balloon modelling, Puppetry and Juggling in and around Kent.

AGENDA ITEM

RFA 9.4.15

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Certified Inspection Report for: Swanscombe & Greenhithe Town Council		CONTACT :- Tel: 01322 385 513 / 07736 255 774 E-mail: graham.blew@swanscombeandgreenhithtowncouncil.gov.uk	ORDER NO :- 322149	SITE ADDRESS :- Broomfield Road Off The Grove, Broomfield Rd/Orchard Rd Swanscombe, DA10 0GA	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT(S) INSPECTED <u>Area 1 (enclosed area)</u>	MAKER & YEAR	RISK RATING	INSPECTION COMMENTS	QTY.	PRODUCT CODE	DESCRIPTION OF PART(S) REQUIRED
Multi-play Unit on Wet Pour	Unknown	VL	Generally satisfactory but monitor minor deformation at the slide chute surface (dents) L Monitor surface shrinkage at the edges and colour joints, further deterioration could result in trip hazards or encourage vandalism L Monitor minor surface damage below the slide tower M Recommend soil and seed is added at the surface edging to reduce potential trip hazards.			
Jupiter Spring Mobile Platform on Wet Pour	Playdate	L	Satisfactory condition but monitor surface shrinkage at the edging, further deterioration may result in trip hazards or could encourage vandalism.			
Bike Spring Mobile on Tiles & Grass	Ijslander	L	Generally satisfactory but monitor minor damage to one tile, uneven surfaces may create trip hazards, in addition, recommend regular grounds maintenance at grass surfaces to combat erosion and reduce potential slip, trip and impact hazards.			
Car Spring Mobile on Tiles & Grass	Ijslander	L	Generally satisfactory but recommend regular grounds maintenance at grass surfaces to combat erosion and reduce potential slip, trip and impact hazards.			
Delta Climber on Wet Pour	Wicksteed 1982	L	Generally satisfactory but fails BS EN 1176 design criteria at the following areas:- L Fails Head & Torso probe test within the fuselage framework (ref BS EN 1176-1:2008, clause 4.2.7.2), no action recommended at present. L Material split evident at the lower wing frame member, structural integrity does not appear to be affected at present but monitor for deterioration, no remedial action possible			
Link Non Bump See-Saw (LNB) on Wet Pour	Wicksteed 1994	L	Generally satisfactory but monitor corrosion at column side plates, further deterioration could create sharp edge snagging hazards (column plates set in red wet pour) L Monitor 'play' within the link assemblies			
WICKSTEED playgrounds	Wicksteed Leisure Ltd Digby St., Kettering Northants, NN16 8YJ Tel: 01536 517 028	H/MH M VL/L	INDICATION OF RISK RATING ASSESSMENT HIGH & MEDIUM HIGH RISK - See Introductory Notes MEDIUM RISK - See Introductory Notes VERY LOW & LOW RISK - See Introductory Notes		INSPICATED BY :- C. Newell DATE :- 16.3.2015	PARTS SUB TOTAL BALANCE C / FORWARD PARTS TOTAL EXC. CARRIAGE & VAT. (E.O.E.) ESTIMATE TO FIT PARTS * Based on all works ordered See sheet

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 Council Offices, The Grove
 Swanscombe Kent DA10 0GA

CONTACT :-				SITE ADDRESS :-				SHEET
				Broomfield Road Off The Grove, Broomfield Rd/Orchard Rd Swanscombe, DA10 0GA				2 of 3
DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT(S) INSPECTED	MAKER & YEAR	RISK RATING	INSPECTION COMMENTS	QTY.	PRODUCT CODE	DESCRIPTION OF PART(S) REQUIRED	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
5.8m Free Standing Slide on Wet Pour	Wicksteed 1982	L	Generally satisfactory but fails BS EN 1176 design criteria at the following areas:- Fails Head & Torso probe test at the hand and guardrails (ref BS EN 1176-1:2008, clause 4.2.7.2), no action recommended at present. Fails Toggle test at chute entrance (BS EN 1176-1:2008, clause 4.2.7.3, no action recommended at present) Fails Stair criteria (BS EN 1176-1:2008; clause 4.2.9.2), no action recommended at present Monitor minor deformation at the slide chute surface (dents)					
2.8m 2 Bay 4 Seat Swing 2 x Flat & 2 x Cradle Seat on Wet Pour	Wicksteed	L	Generally satisfactory but fails BS EN 1176 design criteria at the following areas:- Fails BS EN 1176 recommended clearance dimensions between the seats and frame members (ref BS EN 1176-2:2008, clause 4.4.1), no action recommended at present. Monitor wear at the chain links, recommend the flat seat chains are replaced within 12 months	2	4061-113	10' chains to suit flat seat	£44.00	
		M	Monitor wear at the chain links, recommend the flat seat chains are replaced within 12 months	4	4064-007	Small Shackle, Bolt & Pin	£6.00	
		MH	Monitor vandalism damage to the flat seats & wear & deformation to the cradle seats (<i>perished or flaking rubber could cause choking if swallowed</i>), recommend one flat & 1 cradle seat are replaced as soon as possible	1	2511-010	Ct10 Ollite Bush	£1.21	
		M	Recommend the painting of this unit is included within your current maintenance schedule (<i>note: ensure surface coatings are free of harmful contents to avoid potential toxic hazards, ref BS EN 1176-1: 2008, clause 4.1.1</i>)	1	5901-002	Flat Rubber Safety Seat	£38.00	
		M	Generally satisfactory but the uneven tarmac surface around the seat may create trip hazards (see general comments)	1	5901-048	Single Tier Rubber Cradle Seat (2007)	£119.00	
Park Seat on Tarmac			Satisfactory condition			Primer Per Litre	£20.00	
2 x Litter Bin on Grass			Satisfactory condition			Red Gloss Paint Per Litre	£20.00	
Fence			Satisfactory condition			Light Blue Gloss Paint Per Litre	£20.00	
						<i>Labour cost to paint swing frame & fit parts*</i>	£320.00	
Wicksteed Leisure Ltd Digby St., Kettering Northants, NN16 8YJ Tel: 01536 517 028	INDICATION OF RISK RATING ASSESSMENT				INSPECTED BY :-			
	H/MH	HIGH & MEDIUM HIGH RISK - See Introductory Notes	C. Newell	PARTS SUB TOTAL				£333.84
	M	MEDIUM RISK - See Introductory Notes		BALANCE C / FORWARD				£0.00
	V/L	VERY LOW & LOW RISK - See Introductory Notes		PARTS TOTAL EXC. CARRIAGE & VAT.				£333.84
				(E&O.E.)				See sheet 3
				DATE :- 16.3.2015 ESTIMATE TO FIT PARTS * Based on all works ordered				

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 Swanscombe Kent DA10 0GA

DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT(S) INSPECTED	MAKER & YEAR	RISK RATING	INSPECTION COMMENTS	QTY.	PRODUCT CODE	DESCRIPTION OF PART(S) REQUIRED	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL	SHEET 3 of 3
Single Gate		M	Generally satisfactory but recommend spring tension is adjusted to gently close the gate Recommend regular grounds maintenance at the paving edge to combat erosion and reduce potential slip and trip hazards.						
Signage		M	Satisfactory condition						
General (area 1)		M	Recommend regular grounds maintenance at the grass areas to combat erosion and reduce potential slip and trip hazards, especially at the entrance						
		M	Hard surfaces within the play area are damaged and wearing, creating potential trip hazards, recommend hard surface upgrade as soon as resources permit						
<u>Area 2 (open area)</u>	Adidas	M	Generally satisfactory but recommend damaged net is removed to reduce potential snagging hazards						
Basketball Goal on Tarmac		L	Recommend the damaged back panel insert is removed or replaced						
		M	Recommend soil and seed is added at the tarmac edges to reduce potential trip hazards						
General (area 2)			Access by animals is not physically prohibited recommend your routine inspection includes monitoring for & removal of animal faeces. <i>(Litter (animal droppings) order 1991 of The Environment Protection Act 1990 requires public walks and pleasure grounds to be free of animal faeces)</i>						
WICKSTEED playground equipment	Wicksteed Leisure Ltd Digby St, Kettering Northants, NN16 8YJ Tel: 01536 517 028 www.wicksteed.co.uk	H/MH M V/L	INDICATION OF RISK RATING ASSESSMENT HIGH & MEDIUM HIGH RISK - See Introductory Notes MEDIUM RISK - See Introductory Notes VERY LOW & LOW RISK - See Introductory Notes			INSPECTED BY :- C. Newell DATE :- 16.3.2015	PARTS SUB TOTAL BALANCE C / FORWARD PARTS TOTAL EXC. CARRIAGE & VAT. ESTIMATE TO FIT PARTS * Based on all works ordered TOTAL COST OF WORKS, EXC VAT	£0.00 £333.84 £333.84 £320.00 £653.84	



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Swanscombe & Greenhithe Town Council
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 Swanscombe Kent DA10 0GA

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DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT(S) INSPECTED				CONTACT : -		ORDER NO :-		SITE ADDRESS :-		SHEET	
								Swanscombe Park, Park Road, Swanscombe , DA10 0JG		1 of 3	
DESCRIPTION OF PART(S) REQUIRED		PART(S) REQUIRED		DESCRIPTION OF PART(S) REQUIRED		PART(S) REQUIRED		DESCRIPTION OF PART(S) REQUIRED		PART(S) REQUIRED	
DESCRIPTION OF PART(S) INSPECTED	MAKER & YEAR	RISK RATING	INSPECTION COMMENTS	QTY.	PRODUCT CODE	QTY.	PRODUCT CODE	QTY.	PRODUCT CODE	QTY.	PRODUCT CODE
1.8m 1 Bay 2 Seat Timber Swing 2 x Cradle Seat on Wet Pour	Playdale 1999	M	Generally satisfactory but recommend recess fixing holes at the new top beam are capped or sealed to prevent potential finger entrapment hazards (ref BS EN 1176-1:2008, clause 4.2.5) Monitor vandalism wear at cradle seats (<i>perished or flaking could cause choking if swallowed</i>), recommend one seat is replaced Monitor wear and vandalism damage at the support legs, structural integrity is not affected at present	1	5901-048	1	5901-048	1	5901-048	1	5901-048
2.3m 2 Bay 4 Seat Swing 4 x Flat Seat on Wet Pour	Wicksteed 2000	L M L	Generally satisfactory but monitor wear at the chains Recommend two damaged seats are replaced Monitor surface shrinkage at the edges and at joints, further deterioration could result in trip hazards or encourage vandalism	2	5901F113	2	5901F113	2	5901F113	2	5901F113
Trim Trail on Grass	Playdale 1999		The individual components are installed as a cluster unit (ref BS EN 1176-1:2008, clause 4.2.8.3; note 1 and definition 3.19) and consists of the following:-								
Wobble Board Step Log Cluster (4 x 200mm log) Double Balance Beam Parallel Chain Traverse Inclined Balance Beam Step Log Cluster (4 x 200mm log) Cross Chain Traverse Log Traverse Step Log Cluster (4 x 200mm log)	Burma Chain Bridge	L L L L L L M	Generally satisfactory but monitor the timber condition Generally satisfactory but monitor the timber condition Satisfactory condition Generally satisfactory but recommend the worn step logs are replaced within 12 months (<i>4 off 100mm diameter x 300mm long</i>) Satisfactory condition Generally satisfactory but recommend foot chain is shortened to reduce surface contact Satisfactory condition Satisfactory condition Satisfactory condition								
Step Log Cluster (4 x 200mm log) Clatter-bridge Link Non Bump See-Saw on Wet Pour	Wicksteed	2	4061-125	2	4061-125	2	4061-125	2	4061-125	2	4061-125
Wicksteed Leisure Ltd Digby St, Kettering Northants, NN16 8YJ Tel: 01536 517 028	WICKSTEED playgrounds	H/MH M VLL	HIGH & MEDIUM HIGH RISK - See Introductory Notes MEDIUM RISK - See Introductory Notes VERY LOW & LOW RISK - See Introductory Notes		INDICATION OF RISK RATING ASSESSMENT					PARTS SUB TOTAL BALANCE C / FORWARD PARTS TOTAL EXC. CARRIAGE & VAT. (E&O.E.) ESTIMATE TO FIT PARTS * Based on all works ordered	£201.30 £0.00 £201.30 See sheet 4
					INSPECTED BY : - C. Newell						
					DATE : - 16.3.2015						

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Horse Spring Mobile on Wet Pour	Ledon	L	Satisfactory condition					
Hen Spring Mobile on Wet Pour	Ledon	L	Generally satisfactory but fails BS EN 1176 design criteria at the following areas:- Fails foot rest requirements for spring mobiles (ref BS EN 1176-6: 2008 clause 4.6), no action recommended at present.					
5.8m Free Standing Slide on Wet Pour	Wicksteed	L	Generally satisfactory but fails BS EN 1176 design criteria at the following areas:- Fails Head & Torso probe test at the hand and guardrails (ref BS EN 1176-1:2008, clause 4.2.7.2), no action recommended at present. Fails Toggle test at chute entrance (BS EN 1176-1:2008, clause 4.2.7.3, no action recommended at present Fails Stair criteria (BS EN 1176-1:2008: clause 4.2.9.2), no action recommended at present VL Monitor minor deformation at the slide chute surface (dents)					
Toddler's Multi-play Unit on Wet Pour	Playdale 1999	L	Generally satisfactory but fails BS EN 1176 design criteria at the following areas:- Access net lower fixing creates potential trip and impact hazard (ref BS EN 1176-1: 2008, clause 4.2.8.6), no action recommended at present M Monitor deformation at the tunnel assembly, especially at the centre seam weld					
A Frame on Wet Pour	Wicksteed	M	Satisfactory condition					
B Frame on Wet Pour	Wicksteed	M	Satisfactory condition					
2 x Metal / Timber Park Seat on Grass	Wicksteed Leisure Ltd Digby St., Kettering Northants, NN16 8YJ Tel: 01536 517 028	M VL	Generally satisfactory but located close to perimeter fence & might encourage climbing which could result in fall and impact hazards, no remedial action possible with current installation.			INDICATION OF RISK RATING ASSESSMENT	PARTS SUB TOTAL BALANCE C / FORWARD PARTS TOTAL EXC. CARRIAGE & VAT. (E&O.E.)	£0.00 £201.30 £201.30 See sheet 4
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Metal Park Seat on Grass				Satisfactory condition						
2 x Litter Bin on Grass				Satisfactory condition						
Fence				Satisfactory condition						
Single Gate				M Generally satisfactory but recommend spring tension is adjusted to gently close the gate, in addition, advise spring cover is re-aligned and secured to prevent access to the spring coils	1	2176-151	M8 X 16 Pentagon Button Head Screw <i>Labour cost to adjust spring tension and secure sleeve*</i>	£1.79 £40.00	£1.79	
Signage				Satisfactory condition						
General: Timber Products				M Monitor timber condition, climatic conditions are likely to affect the timber appearance (air splits etc), these would not normally affect structural integrity but loose material should be removed or made safe to reduce potential splinter or abrasion hazards (<i>do not fill splits as this can lead to further damage during the natural expansion and contraction process</i>), in addition, strimmer damage evident at post bottoms, further deterioration could increase the risk of wood rot						
General: Wet Pour Surfaces				M Monitor surface shrinkage at the edges and at joints, further deterioration could result in trip hazards or encourage vandalism						
 Wicksteed Leisure Ltd Digby St., Kettering Northants, NN16 8YJ Tel: 01536 517 028 www.wicksteed.co.uk				INDICATION OF RISK RATING ASSESSMENT			INSPECTED BY :- C. Newell	PARTS SUB TOTAL BALANCE C / FORWARD	£1.79 £201.30	
 rpji <i>A Full Scale Inspection Outcomes</i> 2015							DATE :- 16.3.2015	PARTS TOTAL EXC. CARRIAGE & VAT. ESTIMATE TO FIT PARTS * Based on all works ordered TOTAL COST OF WORKS, EXC VAT	£203.09 £180.00 £383.09	(E.O.E.)

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				322149		Heritage Park Rear of Leisure Centre, Craylands Lane, Swanscombe, DA10 0LP		1 of 2	
DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT(S) INSPECTED	MAKER & YEAR	RISK RATING	INSPECTION COMMENTS	QTY.	PRODUCT CODE	DESCRIPTION OF PART(S) REQUIRED	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL	
Trim Trail on Grass & Safety Grass	Record RSS 2007	L	Consisting of the following items:-						
Double Rubber Step Post			Satisfactory condition						
Inclined Wobble Plank #1 Log Traverse			Satisfactory condition						
Drop Rope Traverse			Generally satisfactory but monitor vandalism at the rubber step sleeves, further deterioration may result in slip hazards.						
Yukon Log Roll			Generally satisfactory but monitor timber condition at the rolling log						
Rubber Step Post			Satisfactory condition						
Rope Tunnel			Satisfactory condition						
Rubber Step Post			Satisfactory condition						
Clatter-bridge			Satisfactory condition						
Rubber Step Post			Satisfactory condition						
4.7m Rope Bridge			Satisfactory condition						
Double Rubber Step Post			Satisfactory condition						
Inclined Wobble Plank #2		M	Generally satisfactory but monitor timber condition at the plank, recommend rough edges are removed and made safe, recommend the plank is replaced within 12 months (permacone fixings fitted)	1	B610SPEC	2.4m x 195mm x 33mm plank c/w fixings	£250.30		
Rubber Step Post			Satisfactory condition	1	B610SPEC	Carriage from RSS	£35.00		
Inclined Wobble Plank #3		L	Generally satisfactory but monitor timber condition at the plank, recommend rough edges are removed and made safe			Labour cost to fit parts*	£160.00		
Double Rubber Step Post			Satisfactory condition						
Swinging Plank			Satisfactory condition						
Rubber Step Post			Satisfactory condition						
Climbing Net on Safety Grass	Record RSS 2007	L	Satisfactory condition, protruding rope knuckle fixings secured at time of inspection						
Picnic Table on Concrete			Generally satisfactory but recommend this table is painted within 12 months	1	2820-002	Primer Per Litre	£20.00		
				1	2820-023	Dark Green Gloss Paint Per Litre	£20.00		
						Labour cost to paint table*	£320.00		
Wicksteed Leisure Ltd Digby St., Kettering Northants, NN16 8YJ Tel: 01536 517 028	Wicksteed Leisure Ltd Digby St., Kettering Northants, NN16 8YJ Tel: 01536 517 028	H/MH M V/L	HIGH & MEDIUM HIGH RISK - See Introductory Notes MEDIUM RISK - See Introductory Notes VERY LOW & LOW RISK - See Introductory Notes			INDICATION OF RISK RATING ASSESSMENT	INSPECTED BY :- C. Newell	PARTS SUB TOTAL BALANCE C / FORWARD	£325.3 £0.0
							DATE :- 16.3.2015	PARTS TOTAL EXC. CARRIAGE & VAT. ESTIMATE TO FIT PARTS * Based on all works ordered	£325.3 £0.0 See sheet

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DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT(S) INSPECTED	MAKER & YEAR	RISK RATING	INSPECTION COMMENTS	QTY.	PRODUCT CODE	DESCRIPTION OF PART(S) REQUIRED	UNIT PRICE
Litter Bin on Grass			Satisfactory condition				
Park Seat on Grass			Satisfactory condition				
2 x Single Gate			Satisfactory condition				
Vehicle Access Gate			Satisfactory condition (locked at time of inspection)				
Fence			Satisfactory condition				
Signage			Satisfactory condition				
General: Timber Products		<p>Monitor timber condition, climatic conditions are likely to affect the timber appearance (air splits etc), these would not normally affect structural integrity but loose material should be removed or made safe to reduce potential splinter or abrasion hazards (do not fill splits as this can lead to further damage during the natural expansion and contraction process)</p> <p>L Recommend regular grounds maintenance at the grass areas to combat erosion & reduce potential slip and trip hazards, especially at entrance points and below the equipment</p>					
General							
 Wicksteed Leisure Ltd <i>Digby St, Kettering Northants, NN16 8YJ Tel: 01536 517 028 www.wicksteed.co.uk</i>		INDICATION OF RISK RATING ASSESSMENT		INSPECTED BY :- C. Newell		PARTS SUB TOTAL BALANCE C / FORWARD	
		H/M/H HIGH & MEDIUM HIGH RISK - See Introductory Notes M MEDIUM RISK - See Introductory Notes V/L/L VERY LOW & LOW RISK - See Introductory Notes		DATE :- 16.3.2015		PARTS TOTAL EXC. CARRIAGE & VAT. ESTIMATE TO FIT PARTS * Based on all works ordered (E&O.E.)	
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DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT(S) INSPECTED		MAKER & YEAR	RISK RATING	INSPECTION COMMENTS		QTY.	PRODUCT CODE	DESCRIPTION OF PART(S) REQUIRED	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL	1 of 2
5.8m Free Standing Slide on Wet Pour	Wicksteed		L	Generally satisfactory but fails BS EN 1176 design criteria at the following areas:- Fails Head & Torso probe test at the hand and guardrails (ref BS EN 1176-1:2008, clause 4.2.7.2), no action recommended at present.							
			L	Fails Toggle test at chute entrance (BS EN 1176-1:2008, clause 4.2.7.3, no action recommended at present)							
			L	Fails Stair criteria (BS EN 1176-1:2008: clause 4.2.9.2), no action recommended at present							
			VL	Monitor minor deformation at the slide chute surface (dents)							
2.8m 2 Bay 3 Seat Swing 2 x Flat & 1 x Cradle Seat on Wet Pour	Hunts		L	Generally satisfactory but fails BS EN 1176 design criteria at the following areas:- Fails BS EN 1176 recommended clearance dimensions between the seats and frame members (ref BS EN 1176-2:2008, clause 4.4.), no action recommended at present.		1	5901F113	Flat Rubber Safety Seat Labour cost to fit seats*	£38.00 see below		
			M	Recommend one damaged seat is replaced as soon as possible <i>Manufacturer is no longer trading, replacement shackles & bushes are no longer available.</i>							
			M	Surface shrinkage evident at the edges, recommend cut back and replace 18 linear metres x 100mm x 60mm deep		2	6130-200	Wet Pour Repair Kit - Base Layer	£122.00		
			M			3	6130-201	Black top layer wet pour repair kit <i>Labour cost to cut back & repair surface as detailed*</i>	£56.00 see below		
Junior's Multi-play Unit on Wet Pour	Playdale 1999		L	Generally satisfactory but fails BS EN 1176 design criteria at the following areas:- Access net lower fixing creates potential trip and impact hazard (ref BS EN 1176-1: 2008, clause 4.2.8.6), no action recommended at present		3	B610SPEC	Platform panel (1130mmx 1130mm x 18mm) c/w fixings	£184.00		
			M	Monitor wear at the platform panels, especially at the access net tower, recommend panels are replaced within 12 months		1	B610SPEC	Carriage from Playdale <i>Labour cost to fit parts*</i>	£25.00 see below		
			L	Monitor the tower handgrip security and fixing integrity Climbing wall panel has been removed, non-manufacturer's barrier fitted at upper level tower							
			M	Recommend soil and seed is added at the surface edge, especially at excavation points, to reduce potential trip hazards.				<i>Labour cost to carry out above works*</i>	£480.00		
Wicksteed Leisure Ltd Digby St., Kettering Northants, NN16 8YJ Tel: 01536 517 028	WICKSTEED playgrounds		INDICATION OF RISK RATING ASSESSMENT				INSPECTED BY :-		PARTS SUB TOTAL	£1,027.00	
			H/MH	HIGH & MEDIUM HIGH RISK - See Introductory Notes	M	MEDIUM RISK - See Introductory Notes	V/L	BALANCE C / FORWARD		£0.00	
			M	LOW RISK - See Introductory Notes				PARTS TOTAL EXC. CARRIAGE & VAT.		£1,027.00	
			V/L	VERY LOW & LOW RISK - See Introductory Notes				(E&O.E.)		See sheet ;	
								ESTIMATE TO FIT PARTS * Based on all works ordered			
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Tepee Climbing Frame on Wet Pour		Playdale 1999	L	Satisfactory condition					
Toddler's Multi-play Unit on Wet Pour		Wicksteed	L	Generally satisfactory but monitor wear at the bridge net assembly Monitor shrinkage at surface edging, especially around previously replaced edging strips, further deterioration could create trip hazard					
2 x Park Seat on Concrete & Grass		Unknown	M	Monitor surface edging condition (Wicksteed recommend concrete edging)					
2 x Litter Bin on Grass		Unknown	L	Generally satisfactory but both seats would benefit from painting Recommend regular grounds maintenance to combat erosion and reduce potential slip hazards.					
Fence			V.L	Satisfactory condition					
2 x Single Gate			M	Generally satisfactory but monitor minor deformation of infill rails, further deterioration may allow access by dogs					
Signage			V.L	Generally satisfactory but recommend loose cover is secured at one gate spring to prevent access to spring coils. A minimum 12mm gap is recommended between gates and posts in both closed and open positions to prevent potential pinch or crush hazards in operation (ref BS EN 1176-1:2008, Clause 7.2.6)					
Redundant Tile Surface			M	Satisfactory condition					
General			M	Generally satisfactory but tiles are wearing and further deterioration could result in trip hazards, consider removing tiles and base and reinstating soil and turf					
Wicksteed Leisure Ltd Digby St., Kettering Northants, NN16 8YJ Tel: 01536 517 028 www.wicksteed.co.uk			H/M/H M V/L	INDICATION OF RISK RATING ASSESSMENT HIGH & MEDIUM HIGH RISK - See Introductory Notes MEDIUM RISK - See Introductory Notes VERY LOW & LOW RISK - See Introductory Notes			INSPECTED BY : - C. Newell DATE : - 16.3.2015	PARTS SUB TOTAL BALANCE C / FORWARD PARTS TOTAL EXC. CARRIAGE & VAT. ESTIMATE TO FIT PARTS * Based on all works ordered TOTAL COST OF WORKS, EXC VAT	£0.0 £1,027.0 £1,027.0 £480.0 £1,507.0



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				322149		Valley View Play Area Greenhithe Village DA9 9LU		1 of 2
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Discovery Multi-play Unit on Wet Pour	Wicksteed	L	Generally satisfactory but fails BS EN 1176 design criteria at the following areas:- Fails Head & Torso probe test at the barriers and slide guardrail (ref BS EN 1176-1:2008, clause 4.2.7.2), no action recommended at present.					
	L	L	The attachment slide has a fall height exceeding one metre, a cross rail is recommended at the access point, between 600mm - 900mm above the starting section. (ref BS EN 1176-3:2008, clause 4.2), no action recommended at present.					
	VL	VL	Monitor minor deformation at the slide chute surface (dents) Monitor minor impact surface damage, further deterioration could result in trip or impact hazards.					
	M	M	Recommend missing column sections, fixings & cap are replaced Recommend missing top cap plugs are replaced	3	2611-019	Advised missing parts are in Client's possession Powerplay Top Cap Plastic Plug	£0.87	£2.61
2.3m Double Arch Swing 2 x Flat Seats on Tiles	Wicksteed	L	Generally satisfactory but monitor minor vandalism damage at one seat, further deterioration may result in exposed metal parts and could create impact hazards.					
	M	M	Monitor the gaps at tile joints, recommend gaps between tiles and edging are filled to reduce potential trip hazards (22 linear metres x 25mm x 60mm deep) <i>It should be noted that the filling of tile gaps should be considered as a short term option, due to tile age and condition, the work undertaken can not be guaranteed and ultimately new surfacing should be considered</i>	1	6130-200 6130-201	Wet Pour Repair Kit - Base Layer Black top layer wet pour repair kit <i>Labour cost to fill gaps as detailed*</i>	£122.00 £56.00 £160.00	£122.00 £56.00 £56.00
	M	M	Recommend one suspension chain is adjusted to create level seat surface (new shackles will be required)					
	M	M	Recommend damaged surface edging is replaced (Wicksteed recommend concrete edging)					
Segregation Fence			Satisfactory condition					
	Wicksteed Leisure Ltd Digby St., Kettering Northants, NN16 8YJ Tel: 01536 517 028	H/MH M V/L	INDICATION OF RISK RATING ASSESSMENT HIGH & MEDIUM HIGH RISK - See Introductory Notes MEDIUM RISK - See Introductory Notes VERY LOW & LOW RISK - See Introductory Notes			INSPECTED BY : C. Newell DATE : - 16.3.2015	PARTS SUB TOTAL BALANCE C / FORWARD PARTS TOTAL EXC. CARRIAGE & VAT. (E&O.E.) ESTIMATE TO FIT PARTS * Based on all works ordered	£180.61 £0.00 £180.61 See sheet ;

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Zigzag Tower & Slide on Wet Pour	Wicksteed	Graham Blew / Dan (Head Groundsman) 01322 385 513 / 07736 255 774 E-mail: graham.blew@swanscombeandgreenhithtowncouncil.gov.uk	322149	Saxon Court Play Area Hasted Close, Greenhithe, DA9 9JL	1 of 3			
DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT(S) INSPECTED	MAKER & YEAR	RISK RATING	INSPECTION COMMENTS	QTY.	PRODUCT CODE	DESCRIPTION OF PART(S) REQUIRED	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
Zigzag Tower & Slide on Wet Pour	Wicksteed	L	Generally satisfactory but fails BS EN 1176 design criteria at the following areas:- Fails Head & Torso probe test at the barriers and slide guardrail (ref BS EN 1176-1:2008, clause 4.2.7.2), no action recommended at present.					
Zigzag Tower & Slide on Wet Pour	Wicksteed	L	The attachment slide has a fall height exceeding one metre, a cross rail is recommended at the access point, between 600mm - 900mm above the starting section. (ref BS EN 1176-3:2008, clause 4.2), no action recommended at present.					
Zigzag Tower & Slide on Wet Pour	Wicksteed	L	Monitor the paint condition					
Zigzag Tower & Slide on Wet Pour	Wicksteed	VL	Monitor minor deformation at the slide chute surface (dents)					
1.8m 1 Bay 2 Seat Swing on Wet Pour	Levercrest	M	Generally satisfactory but monitor wear at the shackles and swing support bearing bushes, further deterioration could result in failure under load, manufacturer is no longer trading and Wicksteed are unable to supply replacement parts (one seat & suspension have been removed)	1	6130-200 6130-201	Labour cost to cut back & repair surface as detailed*	£240.00	
1.8m 1 Bay 2 Seat Swing on Wet Pour	Levercrest	M	Recommend surface damage / shrinkage splits are cut back and repaired to prevent potential trip hazards (cut back & repair 14 linear Metres x 100mm x 40mm deep)	2	6130-200 6130-201	Wet Pour Repair Kit - Base Layer Black top layer wet pour repair kit	£122.00 £56.00	£178.00
Trim Trail on Grass	Setter 2010		The individual components are installed as a cluster unit (ref BS EN 1176-1:2008, clause 4.2.8.3; note 1 and definition 3.19) and consists of the following:-			Note:- Base layer kit has been quoted as a precaution - If it is not used the cost of the kit will be refunded		
Inclined Balance Beam			Satisfactory condition					
Cross Rope Traverse			Satisfactory condition					
Double Step Post			Satisfactory condition					
Swinging Plank		M	Generally satisfactory but monitor vandalism damage to one post, recommend rough edges are removed and made safe					
Double Step Post			Satisfactory condition					
Balance Beam			Satisfactory condition					
Step Post			Satisfactory condition					
Burma Rope Bridge			Satisfactory condition					
Step Post			Satisfactory condition					
Parallel Rope Traverse			Satisfactory condition					
Wicksteed Leisure Ltd Digby St., Kettering Northants, NN16 8YJ Tel: 01536 517 028	WICKSTEED playgrounds	H/MH M VL/L	HIGH & MEDIUM HIGH RISK - See Introductory Notes MEDIUM RISK - See Introductory Notes VERY LOW & LOW RISK - See Introductory Notes			INSPECTED BY : - C. Newell DATE : - 16.3.2015	PARTS SUB TOTAL BALANCE C / FORWARD PARTS TOTAL EXC. CARRIAGE & VAT. ESTIMATE TO FIT PARTS * Based on all works ordered	£207.00 £0.00 £207.00 See sheet 3
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Mushroom on Grass	Unknown	VL	M	Generally satisfactory but five blue insert discs have been removed would benefit from painting										
Park Seat on Tarmac		M		Generally satisfactory but monitor the mesh condition, the seat would benefit from painting										
Litter Bin Post Mounted				Satisfactory condition										
Fence			M	Generally satisfactory but recommend tarmac repair at one entrance to reduce potential trip hazards.										
3 x Single Gate		M	M	Self closing devices are ineffective and gates might not exclude animals or prevent unescorted toddler egress from the area, recommend closing devices are adjusted, repaired or replaced										
Double Gate		M		Generally satisfactory, one gate secured to prevent dog and vehicle access but lamp post restricts opening at the pedestrian gate to 790mm, this may prevent access by wheelchairs and pushchairs and could result in collision hazards, in addition, the closing spring tension requires adjustment to close gate.										
Signage				Satisfactory condition										
General: Timber Products					Monitor timber condition, climatic conditions are likely to affect the timber appearance (air splits etc), these would not normally affect structural integrity but loose material should be removed or made safe to reduce potential splinter or abrasion hazards (<i>do not fill splits as this can lead to further damage during the natural expansion and contraction process</i>)			INSPECTED BY : - C. Newell		PARTS SUB TOTAL				
Certified Inspection Report for: Swanscombe & Greenhithe Town Council					Wicksteed Leisure Ltd Digby St., Kettering Northants, NN16 8YJ Tel: 01636 517 028			DATE : - 16.3.2015		BALANCE C / FORWARD	£0.00			
					HIGH & MEDIUM HIGH RISK - See Introductory Notes MEDIUM RISK - See Introductory Notes VERY LOW & LOW RISK - See Introductory Notes			PARTS TOTAL EXC. CARRIAGE & VAT. ESTIMATE TO FIT PARTS * Based on all works ordered		PARTS TOTAL EXC. CARRIAGE & VAT. (E.O.E.)	£207.00			
					CONTACT : - Graham Blew / Dan (Head Groundsman)			ORDER NO :- 322149		SITE ADDRESS :- Saxon Court Play Area	See sheet 3	SHEET 3		

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DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT(S) INSPECTED	MAKER & YEAR	RISK RATING	INSPECTION COMMENTS			QTY.	PRODUCT CODE	DESCRIPTION OF PART(S) REQUIRED	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL	of 3
General		M	The facility is located within an enclosed area but fencing and gates would not physically prohibit access by dogs, recommend routine inspections include monitoring for and removal of animal faeces. <i>(Litter (animal droppings) order 1991 of The Environment Protection Act 1990 requires public walks and pleasure grounds to be free of animal faeces)</i>								



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		DATE :-	PARTS TOTAL EXC. CARRIAGE & VAT. (E&O.E.)
		16.3.2015	ESTIMATE TO FIT PARTS * Based on all works ordered
			TOTAL COST OF WORKS, EXC VAT

£0.00	£207.00
£207.00	£207.00
£240.00	£447.00

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Introduction to Inspections

Our Safety Inspectors are registered with the RPII (Register of Play Inspectors International) to their annual level and qualified to BTEC Level 3 advanced Playground Operation & Inspection. In addition to this they are also CRB checked.

Unless otherwise instructed the playground equipment will have been assessed in accordance with BS EN 1176:2008 Playground Equipment.

The European standard was originally published on 1st January 1999 when the existing standards, BS5696, were withdrawn, and was revised in 2008. Equipment installed prior to 1 June 2009 may fail to meet BS EN 1176 in a number of areas. This does not mean that the equipment has become dangerous or that remedial action is required, provided that the equipment met the requirements of previous standards, i.e. BS EN 1176:1998, BS 5696/DIN. As an example, the majority of chains which where installed prior to the advent of EN 1176 will fail in relation to the gap in the links being in excess of 8.6mm. These chains need only be replaced when they are broken or worn, with new chains that meet the new standard requirements, however it would not be an issue requiring immediate action.

The risk criteria we apply in our inspection reports are as follows:-

Very Low – No remedial action is required

Low - Items are considered safe for use and require monitoring only as part of your regular inspection procedures.

Medium – Items require appropriate action within resources and individual site assessment. The equipment should be safe for use, but you must consider this in relation to your detailed knowledge of the site.

Medium High – Safe for continued use but remedial action should be planned or implemented within three months but again to be considered in respect to your detailed knowledge of the site.

High – Items require urgent action. The equipment should be immobilised or removed until repairs are carried out.

Where any compliance failures occur, these are briefly noted and a risk assessment made of the failure. Where we believe action is required, this is indicated in more detail and identified as a medium or high risk. In rare cases where an item is likely to result in major injury or death, the operator or appropriate representative will be notified from the site by telephone.

It must be noted that EN 1176 is not mandatory or retrospective.

Where present, multi sports facilities and wheeled sports facilities will also be inspected.

Multi-Sports facilities will be inspected to BS EN 15312:2007.



Wheeled Sports facilities will be inspected to BS EN 14974:2006+A1: 210 (design recommendations relating to roller-sports equipment for use of in-line skates, roller skates, skateboards or similar sports, as well as BMX cycles, the standard refers to manufactured structures and does not include specific requirements for BMX tracks; inspections of such facilities will be based on observation and risk assessment). Note EN14974:2006+A1:2010 has been published and fully superceded EN14974:2006 from 1st February 2011.

In both cases items installed prior to the publish date of the appropriate standard will be assessed accordingly, as with BS EN 1176 the standards are neither mandatory nor retrospective.

There is currently no published standard that covers Outdoor Gym Equipment. In the absence of a recognised standard a common sense approach will be taken when inspecting these items.

Where there are items on site that are not covered by any specific BS EN standard then common sense approach will be taken.

Wicksteed inspections cover:

Site safety

Suitability and conditions of ancillary items including fencing

Standard compliance, suitability and condition of equipment

Dimensional compliance, suitability and condition of surfacing

Wicksteed inspections are visual non-dismantling inspections and, as with vehicle M.O.T. tests, they are only an indication of the state of the equipment at the time of the inspection. Where removal of parts is felt to be necessary for assessment, this will be indicated, but not undertaken unless specifically arranged prior to the inspection.

Wearing of shackle pins and bushes on swings is difficult to detect with non-dismantling inspections. Checks to identify dry bearings and excessive movement in the 'D' shackle can often identify serious defects. But it does not preclude the possibility of shackle pin failure in rare circumstances. It is recommended that random inspections by removal of the 'D' shackle and pin is carried out as a regular part of your routine maintenance (note:- some types of shackles cannot be re-fitted once removed, typically those where the shackle pin is secured with a security pin through both shackle & pin, once removed, this type of shackle should be replaced with new).

Surfacing has been assessed in terms of the area covered and its condition or security. For items with no protective surfacing and with a fall height in excess of 600mm, you should consider the installation of a protective surface. It should also be noted that EN 1176 UK national forward allows well-maintained grass for fall heights of up to 1.5m. However, bear in mind that the impact absorbency of such a surface is dependent upon the condition of the grass and the soil and root structure beneath. If it becomes worn it is likely that its performance will be significantly reduced. Wear pads should be considered in areas of high usage i.e. slide run-out, fireman's poles, central arc of swings.



Continuous rubber surfaces (wet pour) and rubber tiles can be affected by climatic variation; hot weather can cause materials to shrink which could result in gaps at joints or around the edges, excessive gaps (20mm+) or raised edges could create trip hazards; during cold or wet weather the materials may expand. Wet pour edges can be cut back by approximately 100mm and infilled with new material. The gaps at tile joints can be filled using a rubber crumb mixture, however, this should be considered as a short-term solution and ultimately a full surface upgrade may be required. It should be noted that where gaps between tiles are in-filled the material may become loose as the tiles continue to shrink and expand with climatic change – these areas may be prone to vandalism. We can therefore offer no guarantees on the longevity of any infilling that may be carried out.

Surface materials are normally bordered by timber or concrete edging, these need to be maintained in good condition to prevent tile migration and to protect surfacing edges. In addition, where set into a grass surface, regular grounds maintenance is essential to combat erosion and reduce potential trip hazards that may be created by exposed or raised surface edges.

Loose fill impact surfaces (bark, wood chip, sand, etc) and their retention edges need to be maintained to ensure that adequate impact protection is provided within the equipment falling spaces. Regular raking of loose fill materials is recommended to maintain even distribution and to remove hazardous objects that may be concealed within the loose fill material (loose fill impact surfaces are not recommended around or below moving equipment such as swings or roundabouts).

Tarmac and concrete are not recommended for use under any playground equipment from which falls are possible, irrespective of the fall height. A risk assessment will be given in the report where necessary.

There can be problems with assessing ground decay of supports where synthetic surface has been installed. Wicksteed takes care to check ground decay and corrosion in supports in so far as they are able, but this cannot be done conclusively without removal or destruction of the surface, which is not something we would undertake.

In order to provide economic reports, standard wording is used for most common standards failures. Wicksteed inspectors also work using previous year's reports. Please note that where there have been very few changes to the site, the current report may be similar to the previous years report.

When we are quoting for repainting the specification is to rub down metalwork as required, apply one coat of undercoat and one coat of gloss.



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