

ALDBURY PARISH COUNCIL WARDENS UPDATE: APRIL 2025

AREA	ALLOTMENTS & MILLENNIUM ORCHARD
TO CHECK	Fencing & gates, benches, trees, hedges & shrubs, grass height, signs, footpaths, housekeeping, ground conditions
INSPECTION DATES	4/04, 11/04, 18/04, 25/04, 2/05
ISSUES TO REPORT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The grass height has been maintained according to the mowing specification. The allotment paths and formal areas near the play area were mown on two occasions during the month. 2. Public footpaths were found to be in satisfactory condition and well defined in the orchard (Photo 1). A Waymarker (FP No: 6) requires reinstatement. All other waymarkers were present as expected. 3. While most plots remain well maintained, improved housekeeping is required throughout the site due to the gradual accumulation of rubbish and unwanted materials. 4. Perimeter fences, gates, and benches were operational and in fair condition. 5. Information signs were in good order and legible.

AREA	PLAYGROUNDS
TO CHECK	Equipment, Safety Information, Fencing & Gates, Benches, Trees, Grass height, General ground conditions, Empty litter bin.
INSPECTION DATES	4/04, 11/04, 18/04, 25/04, 2/05 Tring Station 11/04, 25/04
ISSUES TO REPORT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. No new faults were detected on the playground equipment. The Aldbury playground is highly valued, well frequented, and visitors regularly voice great appreciation for the facility. The Tring Station playground sees less use, but it is also regularly utilized. 7. User and ownership information is displayed at both playgrounds. 8. Grass maintenance has adhered to the mowing specification. At present, an additional cut is necessary. The grass has been mown on one occasion this month. 9. The benches were observed to be in fair condition, and the gates were functioning properly. However, it was noted that a fence/gatepost at the Aldbury playground, along with the adjoining fence panel, is unstable (Photo 2). The base is decayed and will need replacement. The Clerk has requested a local contractor to evaluate the necessary repairs. 10. The litter bin was emptied on the 4th, 11th and 25th of April. 11. As recently approved by APC, two trees have been reduced to ground level near the donkey paddock. Similarly, a decayed tree has been removed at the Iron Room (Photo 3). <p style="text-align: center;">Outstanding Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The playground signage requires updating to align with best practice standards.

AREA	RECREATION GROUND
TO CHECK	Tennis court, Basketball area, Pavilion, Fencing, Benches/seats, Bollards, Trees & vegetation, Grass height, car park, Litter & dog waste bins, Footpaths.
INSPECTION DATES	4/04,11/04, 18/04, 25/04, 2/05
ISSUES TO REPORT	<p>12. Grass was mown on two occasions this month. 13. Weekly litter picks were conducted. DBC empties litter and dog waste bins weekly. 14. Benches were in fair condition. The basketball area remains in a dilapidated condition and is unlikely to attract regular play. 15. The tennis court has recently been cleaned to a good standard (Photo 4). 16. Sadly, the Recreation Ground pavilion has again been blighted by graffiti (Photo 5). Left in place, the likelihood of more graffiti incidents will rise. 17. A public footpath signpost (FP 27), opposite the CP entrance, has fallen over (Photo 6). Clerk has notified DBC. 18. The car park entrance is in poor condition and requires maintenance. The Clerk is seeking quotations (Photo 7).</p> <p>Outstanding items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A dead tree is currently leaning against another tree and needs removal. • Trim low tree branches around the boundary to maintain a 2.75-meter clearance for tractor mowing. • Tree branches are extending over the basketball backboard.

AREA	VILLAGE GREEN(S) & POND
TO CHECK	Benches, Trees, Pond, Grass height, Stocks, Litter Bins, Notice board.
DATES	4/04,11/04, 18/04, 25/04, 2/05
ISSUES TO REPORT	<p>19. The benches were found in good condition, albeit two benches are old. 20. No obvious defects were visible on the trees. 21. The grass areas were mown on one occasion this month. 22. Weekly litter picking was conducted. Litter bins were found full to the brim after the Easter period. 23. The notice board was in good condition with up-to-date and relevant information.</p>

AREA	HIGHWAY'S, PUBLIC FOOTPATHS & DITCHES
TO CHECK	Surfaces, Pedestrian routes, Signage, Drainage, Grit bins, Litter, Street lamps, Bollards, kissing gates, Notice board (Tring Station)
DATES	4/04,11/04, 18/04, 25/04, 2/05
ISSUES TO REPORT	<p>24. A visual check of the streetlights was conducted on the 28th of April. A defective streetlight was identified close to the Beechwood Drive junction and reported to the HCC (Ref No: 401004599699). HCC has scheduled the repair work, although no specific completion date has been provided. No further defects were noted. 25. Litter picking was conducted on Stocks Road (to the parish boundary), New Ground Road (to the GUC bridge), Station Road (GUC bridge to Aldbury Village), Malting Lane, Stonycroft, and Toms Hill to FP15. 26. A water leak was successfully repaired, ending water streaming along Stocks Road. 27. The drainage ditch south of Stonycroft was found free of obstructions. 28. Driveway shingle has spread across Stocks Road, posing a hazard for road users. The Clerk is alerting the property owner.</p>

29. A Pothole opposite the Church has been repaired by HCC. Ref No: 401004611854.
30. Beggars Lane has reopened following road surface repairs, including the re-painting of parking restriction markings.
31. Parking restriction lines were marked out in the village on the 31st of March (Photo 8). To date, most motorists are abiding by the new regulations.
32. Fly tipping in New Ground Road (near Brightwood) was removed by DBC. Ref No: 934893 (Photo 9)
33. Surfacing by a storm drain in Station Road has been repaired by HCC (Photo 10)

Outstanding Items

- Restoration of streetlighting at the Recreation Ground entrance, opposite the Church and Malting Lane junction.
- Reinstatement of waymarker in Hitchins Field.
- DBC to replace decayed street nameplate on Toms Hill. Ref No: 895084.

Notes

The condition of the road surface on Toms Hill has become a concern for road users. This road is known for its sharp bends and steepness, making it challenging to navigate. APC might consider discussing this issue with the local county councillor to determine if there are plans for resurfacing soon.

PHOTOGRAPHS



