

# ALDBURY PARISH COUNCIL      WARDENS UPDATE: NOVEMBER 2025

<b>AREA</b>	<b>ALLOTMENTS &amp; MILLENNIUM ORCHARD</b>
<b>TO CHECK</b>	Fencing & gates, benches, trees, hedges & shrubs, grass height, signs, footpaths, housekeeping, ground conditions
<b>INSPECTION DATES</b>	31/10, 07/11, 14/11, 21/11
<b>ISSUES TO REPORT</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The public footpaths are still clearly visible. Under the latest contract, it seems there is no requirement for the Contractor to demarcate, cut, or maintain these paths at a specified height.</li> <li>2. The GM contractor did not conduct the end-of-season grass trimming in the orchard, causing the grass to become/appear untidy.</li> <li>3. Fences and benches were found in adequate condition, except for an unsteady section of paddock fencing in need of strengthening. Clerk advised.</li> <li>4. Information signs were seen in place and legible.</li> <li>5. Most allotment holders strive to maintain their plots to a good standard.</li> <li>6. A member of the Gardening Club reported that local youngsters were seen tampering with an allotment water tank. On inspection, no damage was discovered.</li> </ol> <p><b>Outstanding Items</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ The footpath issues reported to DBC have yet to be addressed.</li> <li>❖ APC to consider delivery of a skip in February 2026 to support site housekeeping efforts.</li> </ul>

<b>AREA</b>	<b>PLAYGROUNDS</b>
<b>TO CHECK</b>	Equipment, Safety Information, Fencing & Gates, Benches, Trees, Grass height, General ground conditions, Empty litter bin.
<b>INSPECTION DATES</b>	31/10, 07/11, 14/11, 21/11 Tring Station 21/11
<b>ISSUES TO REPORT</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Both playgrounds were visually inspected. The following can be confirmed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Play equipment was seen in sound order, with no more faults to be added to the defects list.</li> <li>- Entrance gatepost at the Aldbury Playground was replaced due to decay. Gate now operational (Photo 1).</li> <li>- User and ownership details are displayed at both playgrounds, but some upgrading is necessary.</li> <li>- Grass height was meeting the specified mowing standard.</li> <li>- Litter bin was routinely emptied.</li> <li>- One bench along with a log on the Log World bridge are showing decay.</li> </ul> </li> <li>8. The playground bin was recently overturned, separating it from its cemented base, and now needs re-fixing (Photo 2). Moreover, the bottom of the galvanised liner within the bin is corroded leaving sharp edges and should be replaced (Photo 3). Clerk advised.</li> </ol> <p><b>Outstanding Items</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Close gaps between swing area rubber tiles to eliminate hazards.</li> <li>❖ Upgrade playground signage to include emergency instructions, 'What Three Words' location, and up to date contact details (phone and email).</li> </ul>

<b>AREA</b>	<b>RECREATION GROUND</b>
<b>TO CHECK</b>	Tennis court, Basketball area, Pavilion, Fencing, Benches/seats, Bollards, Trees & vegetation, Grass height, car park, Litter & dog waste bins, Footpaths.
<b>INSPECTION DATES</b>	31/10, 07/11, 14/11, 21/11
<b>ISSUES TO REPORT</b>	<p>9. Benches remain in satisfactory condition. Weekly litter picking was completed, and DBC emptied the bins. Grass height was meeting the specification.</p> <p>10. The Tennis court was seen in good order, with no algae or moss present.</p> <p>11. No visible defects were observed on the trees.</p> <p>12. On November 16th, vehicles parked for a football match blocked the entrance, raising safety concerns about emergency access. Some visitors, not related to the match, were unable to exit the car park. APC may wish to address this matter with the sports club.</p> <p>13. A new 'No Parking' area has been marked out in the car park, to allow free access to underground tanks and equipment therein (Photo 4).</p> <p><b>Outstanding items</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Graffiti needs to be cleaned from the sports pavilion wall.</li> <li>❖ The car park entrance requires urgent pothole repairs. This long-standing issue has become a source of increasing frustration for visitors (Photo 5).</li> <li>❖ A dog-waste bin damaged by the GM contractor during hedge cutting has not yet been replaced; a replacement timeline should be agreed and set.</li> </ul>

<b>AREA</b>	<b>VILLAGE GREEN(S) &amp; POND</b>
<b>TO CHECK</b>	Benches, Trees, Pond, Grass height, Stocks, Litter Bins, Notice board.
<b>INSPECTION DATES</b>	31/10, 07/11, 14/11, 21/11
<b>ISSUES TO REPORT</b>	<p>14. Benches were seen in satisfactory condition.</p> <p>15. Grass areas complied with the mowing specifications.</p> <p>16. DBC emptied litter bins on weekly basis.</p> <p>17. Weekly litter picking took place with no notable litter buildup.</p> <p>18. The notice board was in good condition with neatly displayed, up-to-date information.</p> <p>19. Recent filming activities were conducted near the pond, with minimum impact on the turf condition.</p> <p>20. The pond water level is currently high with water flowing freely in and out of the pond.</p>

<b>AREA</b>	<b>HIGHWAY'S, PUBLIC FOOTPATHS &amp; DITCHES</b>
<b>TO CHECK</b>	Surfaces, Pedestrian routes, Signage, Drainage, Grit bins, Litter, Street lamps, Bollards, kissing gates, Notice board (Tring Station)
<b>INSPECTION DATES</b>	31/10, 07/11, 14/11, 21/11
<b>ISSUES TO REPORT</b>	<p>21. A visual inspection of the streetlights took place on November 12th. It is understood the installation of the new streetlights is scheduled to begin in the second week of December.</p> <p>22. Litter was picked up along Station Road, New Ground Road (up to the GUC bridge), Malting Lane, Stonycroft, and Toms Hill to FP15.</p> <p>23. The open drain or ditch south of Stonycroft is still overgrown, and there is some partial accumulation of debris near the outlet (Photo 6).</p> <p>24. A pothole near the Trooper PH was repaired by HCC. Ref No: 401004839419.</p>

	<p>25. A visual inspection of the streetlights was conducted on November 12<sup>th</sup>, and no new defects were identified for the outstanding items list.</p> <p>26. A pothole near the Trooper PH was filled by HCC. Ref No: 401004839419.</p> <p><b>Outstanding Items (DBC/HCC)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Replace decayed street nameplate on Toms Hill (DBC Ref: 895084).</li> <li>❖ Reinstate waymarker on Hitchins Field (Footpath 63).</li> <li>❖ Restore streetlights at Recreation Ground entrance, Malting Lane junction, Church, and Beechwood Drive junction.</li> <li>❖ Repaint faded "SLOW" markings on Toms Hill and Station Road (HCC Refs: 401004654989, 401004654999).</li> <li>❖ Reinstate metal kissing gates on Footpath 68 (Stonycroft to former Isolation Hospital).</li> <li>❖ Clear blocked drain on Toms Hill Road near Beechwood Drive (HCC Ref: 401004807995).</li> </ul>
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## PHOTOGRAPHS



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