

Hi Claire, this morning I met with Kay and went round the play area.
Below are some of the findings that I pointed out

- 1/. Both flat swing seats need replacing and heights altered to meet recommended levels. (Suggest completing in the spring)
- 2/. Both cradle swing seats need replacing (Suggest completing in the spring)
- 3/. Newish picnic benches are sinking, re-site with either concrete plinths or flagstone under each foot. Maybe removal now and storing over winter and re-siting in the spring.
- 4/. Timber activity trail has a lot of rot in various parts, particularly where the wood is set in the ground, which has been made worse with strimmer damage. I would suggest getting in a company, like Ray Parry, to check all timbers and cost for replacing. I would also suggest that the timber on all equipment is treated to prolong it's life. Another action that would improve matters it to ask the grass cutting company not to use trimmers anymore, but to spray weed killer around each pole regularly.
- 5/. Cable way seat needs raising to meet height regulations.
- 6/ **TYRE SWING NEED NEW EYE BOLTS IN URGENTLY, AS TWO ARE MISSING AND IT IS DANGEROUS.**
- 7/. MUGA wall needs a drain hole in central support and a missing bolt replaced.
- 8/. Logs need removing, at least three, due to severe rot. These are now a hazard. I would suggest removal of them all, and making the ground up and possibly re-siting the picnic benches as a replacement.
- 9/. There is no information board anywhere in the play area. I have attached an example of one of Shropshire Councils signs.
- 10/. The self-closing gate mechanism needs fixing. A simple repair, the catch on the gate does create a figure trap.
- 11/. The bench near the swing has a damaged back support, either remove the back support of replace the complete seat.

Below are details of some companies that are local that may be able to help with the timber equipment repairs.

Ray Parry of Shrewsbury 01743 243267, ray@rayparry.co.uk
Creative Play of Mold 01244 375627, play@creativeplayuk.com
Play and Leisure of Buckley, 01244 546797, sales@playandleisure.org.uk

Kay asked for details of the recycled bench manufacturer

Glasdon UK 01253 600410, enquires@glasdon-uk.co.uk

I will forward you the Shropshire Council play area inspections leaflet with costing for inspections in the next few days

Regards

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