



MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 02 March 2026 commencing at 7.30pm held at Tattingstone Village Hall.

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS USED INCLUDED AT APPENDIX B

PRESENT: Cllr R Abbott, Cllr B Plumbly, Cllr S Gipps, Cllr S Page (Chair) and Cllr B Stennett and Cllr Simon Harley.

01 OPENING

Cllr Page declared the meeting open at 7.30pm and thanked all for attending. A statement was read out by the Chair indicating that, in accordance with legislation, the public and councillors were permitted to film, record, photograph or use social media in order to report on the proceedings of the meeting, providing permission has been sought from the Clerk and/or Chair. Cllr Stennett recorded the meeting, which he agreed to share with the Clerk.

02. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To note and approve apologies received – Cllrs noted and approved apologies received from Cllrs D Clarke, J Lee, A Mendel, and District Councillor Potter.

03. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- (a) To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests and other registerable interests as detailed in Appendix B of the LGA Model Code of Conduct – Cllrs Gipps & Page declared an interest in Item 8c as Committee Members for Tattingstone Good Neighbour Scheme. Councillor Abbott declared an interest in Item 6b.1, 1, as the party cutting the verge.
- (b) To receive notifications of gifts of hospitality exceeding £50 – none submitted.
- (c) To note the determination of requests for dispensations for items on the agenda under discussion – £300 from Tattingstone Good Neighbour Scheme.

04. MINUTES

To consider and approve the minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 2nd February 2026 –

Cllr Abbott proposed that Council approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of the proceedings that took place, seconded by Cllr Stennett - aif. The Chair signed a copy of the agreed minutes.

05. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

- (a) A written report had been circulated from Cllr. Harley and a copy of this report is available with the meeting papers.
- (b) A written report had been circulated from Cllr. Potter and a copy of this report is available with the meeting papers.

06. CLERK'S REPORT

- (a) Actions were noted.



- (b) To note correspondence received.
- 1) Anonymous letter from resident regarding verge cutting
Councillors noted that the daffodils are visible on the roadside and would be less likely to be seen if the grass remained uncut. It was also noted that the majority of the daffodils are on private land and their management is down to the landowner. Thanks were offered to the Abbott family for voluntarily cutting the verge for many years.
 - 2) Invitation to SNWA event
No-one is available to attend
 - 3) SCC Highways response to Cllrs Simon Harley and Georgia Hall re. A137
FIO
 - 4) BMSDC Feb Briefing
FIO
 - 5) SALC News Bulletin (see Highways update)
FIO
 - 6) SALC Planning Blog link
FIO
 - 7) SALC NSIP guidance link
FIO
 - 8) SALC Survey
Clerk to complete
 - 9) BMSDC Meadow Management
There are no suitable areas
- (c) - Quote for hedge cutting has been requested but not yet received.

07. PUBLIC FORUM

- (a) To receive questions and matters of concern from members of the public in attendance on items on the agenda submitted –
- None.
- (b) To receive comments or questions relating to Tattingstone in particular –
- None.
- (c) To receive questions and comments submitted in writing/email for future consideration by the Council – nothing raised.

08. FINANCE REPORT

- (a) To note the balance of accounts as at 28 January 2026.
The balances were as follows:
- Lloyds Account: £4,203.41
 - Lloyds Savings Account: £40,254.18
- (b) To approve the accounts paid since the last meeting and accounts awaiting payment including forthcoming payments together with the receipts received since the last meeting.
Cllr Stennett proposed and Cllr Abbott seconded that the payments detailed should be ratified and agreed – aif



- (c) To consider any requests for financial support received from local people or groups –
 - It was agreed to donate the cost of re-printing the Welcome to Tattingstone leaflet to Tattingstone Good Neighbour Scheme, at an estimated cost of £300.
- (d) A 3-month accounting spot check was undertaken by Cllr Page and all was found to be satisfactory.

09. PLANNING MATTERS

- (a) To consider and agree a response to the following planning matters related to Tattingstone:
None
- (b) To note the following decision notices received:
None
- (c) Councillors noted receipt of the Planning Factsheet from SALC.

10. BABERGH AND MID SUFFOLK SUSTAINABILITY CONSULTATION

- (a) Councillors received the updated Local Plan information from Babergh & Mid Suffolk.
- (b) Councillors agreed not to respond to the Consultation.

11. JIMMY'S FARM

- (a) Issues surrounding Jimmy's Farm were discussed, with focus on traffic management for events and bridleway safety.
- (b) The following will be discussed at the Peninsula Alliance meeting with Babergh District Council:
 - The condition of Belstead Road at the turning for the farm
 - Traffic management for large events
 - Bridleway safety for predator enclosures

12. ALTON WATER

- (a) Issues surrounding Alton Water, including (but not limited to) issues with motorbikes, were discussed.
- (b) The following is to be raised at the Alton Water User Group meeting:
 - Inconsistent gate locking practice
 - Poor quality of fences and stiles
 - Changes to ecology – fewer small fish and fewer fish in general
 - Any tree survey results



13. FOOTPATHS

- (a) The following issues with village footpaths were noted:
 - Signage for footpath 2, as it passes through Samford Court, is very small and could be clearer
- (b) FP2 is being dealt with by Public Rights of Way, who are discussing signage with the landowner

14. INTERNAL AUDIT

- (a) Councillors received the SALC Internal Audit Service Letter of Engagement.

15. VILLAGE MATTERS

- (a) To receive an update from the Playing Field Representative
Cllr Page provided an update from the Playing Field Committee meeting held on the 27th February 2026. A good number of stalls are booked for the village fete and the second phase of the play park regeneration is temporarily on hold. The football pitch has been rested and will continue to be so until the grass has recovered.
- (b) Councillors received an update from the Clerk, who reported that the final version of the Neighbourhood Plan is being prepared and the referendum date is likely to be the 7th May, with the Suffolk County Council elections.
- (c) Councillor Abbott reported that off-lead dogs often leave private land around Chedworth Place/Samford Court.

Councillor Gipps advised that a resident had contacted her concerned about drones flying over Samford Court. These are thought to be organised by the Chair of Chedworth Place Residents' Association for a guttering survey.

Councillor Abbott and Page both expressed concern about the condition of the verge outside The Wonder, which is used by visitors to Alton Water. This will be raised at the Alton Water User Group meeting.

14. DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

- (a) Parish Council meeting – Tuesday 07 April 2026, 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.31 pm.

SIGNED.....DATED..... TATTINGSTONE Parish Council



ACTIONS

MONTH	MINUTE NO.	ACTION	WHO
Mar	1	Share meeting recording	BS
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Mar	6c	Chase quote for hedge cutting	RBN
Mar	11b	Report to PPA	RBN/SP
Mar	12b	Report to Alton Water User Group	SP
Mar	13a	Report signage on SCC portal	RBN
Mar	13b	Liaise with ProW re. signage for FP2	RBN
Mar	14a	Book Internal Audit	RBN
Mar	15c.2	Check drone regulations	RBN
Mar	15c.3	Report to Alton Water User Group	SP



APPENDIX A – List of common abbreviations used.

Aif	All in favour
AGAR	Annual Governance and Accountability Return
APM	Annual Parish Meeting
APCM	Annual Parish Council Meeting
ASB	Anti-social Behaviour
BACS	Bankers Automated Clearing Services
BDC	Babergh District Council
BLC	Brantham Leisure Centre
BMCIC	Brantham Management Community Interest Company
BOS	Brantham Open Spaces Group
BMSDC	Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Council
BPC	Brantham Parish Council
CEP	Community Emergency Plan
CAS	Community Action Suffolk
Chq	Cheque
Cllr	Councillor
Cttee	Committee
DCLG	Department of Communities and Local Government
FC	Finance Committee
FOI	Freedom of Information
FR	Financial Regulations
GPoC	General Power of Competence
HMRC	Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs
LPA	Local Planning Authority
LPF	Lower Playing Field
LSC	Legal Sub Committee
NHS	National Health Service
NDP	Neighbourhood Development Plan
NP	Neighbourhood Plan
PC	Parish Council
PCSO	Police Community Support Officer
RFO	Responsible Finance Officer
RFSC	Recreation, Footpaths and Services Committee
SALC	Suffolk Association of Local Councils
SCC	Suffolk County Council
SID	Speed Indicator Device
SLA	Service Level Agreement
SNT	Safer Neighbourhood Team
SO	Standing Order
TPO	Tree Preservation Order
VAS	Vehicle Activated Sign
VCSE	Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Organisations
HMC	Village Hall Management Committee

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County Councillor's Parish Report

Cllr Simon Harley, Peninsula Division

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Unitary Decision Announced by Government

On 25 March the government announced that it had chosen a three unitary model for Suffolk following the Local Government Reorganization process which will see upper tier authority Suffolk County Council and lower tier authorities like districts and boroughs abolished in two years. Last year the government asked Suffolk councils to submit proposals on how many unitary councils they thought the county should have in the future. Suffolk County Council submitted a case for a single unitary council (One Suffolk) and the district and borough councils submitted one for three councils, which was the option chosen by ministers. These plans will see the county split into three areas: Western Suffolk, Central and Eastern Suffolk and Ipswich and Southern Suffolk, which includes the county town and Felixstowe. Elections for the new councils will be held next May, with the new councillors shadowing existing councillors until the new authorities are 'vested' from 1 April 2028. Peninsula will be in the Ipswich and Southern Suffolk area.

Motion of Support for Survivors of Sexual Harm Passed Unanimously

At council on 19 March, my group proposed a motion that the council release a statement of support for survivors of sexual harm and exploitation, on the basis that the near-constant media coverage of the 'Epstein files' was triggering for survivors of sexual harm of both genders, increasing the number of people seeking help. The motion also proposed that the council run a social media campaign signposting people to Survivors in Transition, a local charity which provides support and advice, and write to the government advocating for funding for support services. The motion was approved unanimously in the chamber. In the same meeting, motions were also passed in support of the Lowestoft flood barrier, and to look into how the costs of Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) can be reduced. TROs are legal orders made by the council to amend speed limits, add road markings or make other changes to highways in the county.

Extra Funding for Public Rights of Way

On 24 March, Cabinet agreed to allocate an additional £3.9m of capital funding to repair structures on Suffolk's Public Rights of Way network. Structures such as bridges and boardwalks have a limited lifespan, and the council undertook a review to create a priority list of structures that need replacing or repairing in the next five years. The additional funding is needed because the amount of money usually allocated for these works is no longer enough due to the increased costs of building materials and labour, which have gone up 50% in the last five years. The priority list includes the Bailey Bridge between Walberswick and Southwold, the Fen Bridge over the Stour at Debenham and Hempyard Bridge at Ixworth. If structures become unsafe for walkers the council has to close the Public Right of Way, with each closure costing £1,200 for a six month period (if a path was closed for a year, it would cost £2,400). The Cabinet also heard about the King Charles III Coastal Path, which contrary to national media reports is not yet fully open: sections between Manningtree and Shotley Gate, and north of Southwold, will not be open until later in the summer.

Libraries Decision Scrutinised

At Scrutiny Committee on 11 March, last year's decision by the council to move the library service back in house was reviewed. The council's contract with Suffolk Libraries ended on 31 May 2025 and following that date, the county's 45 libraries and three mobile libraries came back into council control. Libraries' Friends Groups remain in place, with the funds they have raised for individual libraries staying separate from Suffolk County Council's funding. The meeting heard how Suffolk County Council and Suffolk Libraries had worked together to make the transition seamless for library users, although the transfer into council employment had placed a burden on library employees to undertake staff training, including on council platforms for IT, HR and procurement. In addition, the council had undertaken a restructure which had saved £340k in the 'central team'. No redundancies of front line library employees were made. During the meeting the council also laid out their plans to engage with library volunteers, governance systems for the new service and how the service would be celebrating the 2026 Year of Reading. The meeting also noted that borrowing of paper books was reducing, but that digital services such as eBooks and audiobooks were continuing to grow.

Support for Care Leavers

On 5 March, the council's Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee met to discuss services and support provides for young people in Suffolk leaving care. The council has to offer support to young people leaving care up to the age of 25, and at the most recent Ofsted inspection in June 2024 this was highlighted as one of the main areas where the council needed to improve. Since the inspection, the council has worked to improve planning with young people who are coming up to leaving care, making sure more young people knew what support was on offer, and making sure that support was accessible for them as they prepared for independence. In addition, the council received a visit from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government in April 2025 which focused on youth homelessness and found that the council needed to immediately review its pathways for care leavers who presented as homeless. In response to these findings, the council increased the number of advisors working with 17 year olds to prepare for leaving care, and making sure they are aware with the help they can get such as reduction in council tax, and the 'Family Business' model the council uses to provide apprenticeships and jobs for young people who have been in care. The council has also nearly halved the number of care leavers in unsuitable accommodation, although they are still planning more work in this area, particularly for care leavers in custody.

If you want to know more about what help the council provides for young people leaving care, you can find it here: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/children-in-care-and-care-leavers/services-for-young-people-leaving-care>

New Government Funding for Increasing Fuel Costs

Suffolk County Council has welcomed the additional £1.7m funding announced by the government to support households in the county facing increased oil heating costs. The council already provides cash payments to help residents with the cost of living through the Local Welfare Assistance Scheme, funded by the Household Support Fund. This scheme supports a range of essential costs, including utilities and energy, and has recently been updated to explicitly reference oil heating following the national announcement. From 1st April, Suffolk County Council will transition from the Household Support Fund to the Crisis Resilience Fund (CRF). This transition had already been planned prior to the new funding announcement, and will enable residents experiencing a financial shock or crisis - including sharp increases in oil heating costs - to continue accessing cash support via the Local Welfare Assistance Scheme, using the same application route as before.

Residents can access information about this process and how to apply

here: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/community-and-safety/communities/healthier/suffolk-local-welfare-assistance-scheme>

Parents Urged to Vaccinate Against Measles

The council is urging parents and carers in Suffolk to ensure their children are fully vaccinated against measles, mumps, rubella, and chickenpox, following a resurgence of measles cases nationally over the past two years. The country has seen a return of measles outbreaks linked to falling vaccination uptake, and as a result, the UK recently lost its World Health Organization measles elimination status. Vaccination rates remain below the 95% coverage needed to prevent outbreaks, with almost one in five children starting primary school not fully protected against serious diseases. Measles is one of the most infectious diseases in the world and can lead to complications including pneumonia, meningitis, and brain inflammation.

Health leaders including the Public Health team at Suffolk County Council have advised that parents and carers will usually be contacted by their GP practice when their child is due a routine vaccination, but if a child has missed a vaccine and is over 18 months old, these can be scheduled at any time by contacting their GP practice to book an appointment. If a parent or carer is unsure what vaccinations their child has already received, they can check their Red Book, the NHS app or by speaking to their GP practice.

Social Media and Helpful Links

Follow us on:

Twitter - [Suffolk Green, Lib Dem & Independent Group \(@ SuffolkGLI\) / Twitter](#)

Instagram – https://www.instagram.com/suffolkgli_group/

Facebook - [Suffolk GLI - Green, Liberal Democrat & Independent Group | Facebook](#)

Website - [Suffolk Green, Liberal Democrat and Independent Group – The GLI Group at Suffolk County Council \(suffolkgli.wordpress.com\)](#)

Cost of Living help and

advice: <https://infolink.suffolk.gov.uk/kb5/suffolk/infolink/family.page?familychannel=>

[6](#) Benefits advice and

support: <https://infolink.suffolk.gov.uk/kb5/suffolk/infolink/adult.page?adultchannel=0>

Flood preparation advice: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/suffolk-fire-and-rescue-service/fire-and-rescue-safety-advice-in-the-community/what-to-do-in-a-flood>

<https://suffolkprepared.co.uk/get-prepared/risk-advice/flooding/>

Flood recovery advice and support: <http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/about/flood-recovery-information-for-suffolk>

District Councillor's Report for April

My procedure for non-evasive surgery which means externally there are beams that go into the head area rather than traditional surgery went well last week in Sheffield, I will now need some rest but already starting to physically improve apart from some fatigue and occasional headaches, otherwise I am recovering well and I am hopeful to attend Parish meetings again soon.

As you will already know by now, Unitary Councils will be split into 3 authorities East, West and Ipswich area which will form the basis of future governance in April 2028 rather than the one Suffolk approach. There is a lot of work ahead to make the new authority work between now and the deadline across 2028 but for district authorities I believe that it is the best outcome for having true local based decisions affecting residents, rather than an all Suffolk approach which may be simpler but ultimately take away local based decisions than otherwise which myself and other councillors on district have always maintained.

Councillor numbers for the new authorities will be determined across population size within each region, there is meant to be later this week a district online meeting which will help see what kind of make up this will likely be, so I and other councillors will learn more at that stage.

The new better recycling scheme will soon be introduced for all residents and represents a major step change in deliveries at the kerbside. I am expectant of residents becoming at first becoming used to the new formula but ultimately think it will be successfully implemented in short time, there has been constructive feedback from residents and officers alike on the new changes coming into effect, which is important at any early stage.

Residents are being encouraged to shape the future of their area by creating Neighbourhood Plans after government withdrew financial and technical support in June 2025 which was an organisation called Locality covering payments up to £10,000 which used to help with this.

But Babergh and Mid Suffolk Councils have jointly agreed alternative funding up to £20,000 to support developing Neighbourhood Plans particularly it comes to meeting housing needs in their particular area. Given the range of housing targets that the government has already set this fund helps in developing Neighbourhood Plans oversee this change more easily than otherwise. This will make an agreed contribution to meeting district wide housing needs.

There are already 50 adopted Neighbourhood Plans within Babergh and Mid Suffolk alongside others already in preparation or currently being considered. Therefore, the fund aims to help with planning policies and any material considerations for example.

I believe this is a good and vital way district can help step in throughout difficult and challenging government housing targets within Babergh itself and very welcome.

Finally, to encourage leaving the car behind more, Babergh has helped to introduce a Grazing Walks leaflet for visitors with illustrated maps helping to enjoy days out and short breaks.

Greater Anglia has put forward £1,300 for its customer and community improvement fund which includes 3 drop off points in Harwich, Shotley and Felixstowe. This is via the Harwich Haven train service and the Harwich Harbour Ferry which will enable visitors to enjoy full days out throughout the spring and summer periods.

Babergh helped to provide funds for the leaflet alongside Mid and East Suffolk Councils, the leaflet contains information such as local walking routes, places to eat and drink, options for accommodation and various key attractions. The aim is to encourage wildlife to be taken in and explored whilst supporting the local economy because visitors will be encouraged to stay longer within each location and enjoy such attractions whilst at the same time leaving the car behind.



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Paper submitted by the Clerk to the Council in advance of the Parish Council meeting on 07 April 2026

Parish Clerk's Report

a) To review actions from the previous meeting

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Mar	15c.3	Report to Alton Water User Group <i>Ongoing (meeting June)</i>	SP

b) To receive items of correspondence

Please see Paper 6b.1

c) To receive an update from the Clerk on any other Council issues

- Quote for hedge cutting has been requested but not yet received
- Memorial benches are now back in stock. **Please confirm this is to be ordered and what the arrangements are for delivery/installation**
- De-brief from PPA (notes already sent)
- I chased SCC regarding the broken metal pole on Church Road and they said it doesn't meet repair criteria. I have asked them to either reconsider or cut the verge themselves.
- The Play Inspection report has been received and forwarded to the PFC. Only minor issues to resolve – trimming gate bolts, etc. Issues with the ground under the swings will be resolved when swing set is replaced.

- The issues with FP2 – both ends – are with the SCC Footpath Officer for resolution.

Please note I am on leave on: 3rd-6th April (working 7th April instead)
4th May (working 5th May instead)

CORRESPONDENCE APRIL 2026

- 1) Update on ASB from Police & Parish Forum
For Information Only (let me know if you would like a copy of the minutes)
- 2) NSIP Update
FIO (spreadsheet available on request)
- 3) BMSDC Briefing
FIO
- 4) SALC NSIP Bulletin
FIO
- 5) Communication from Brantham re. skatepark
To decide any response/support
- 6) SALC Factsheets – Declarations of Interest
FIO (**please read**)
- 7) SALC LGR update
FIO
- 8) BMSDC letter re. LGR
FIO
- 9) Message from SCC Leader
FIO
- 10) SALC News Bulletin
FIO
- 11) Norwich to Tilbury update
FIO

1.

Claydon, Copdock and the Peninsular

Criminal damage- Farmers crops being damaged by off road motorbikes

Burglary- increase, 12 burglary dwellings. There are 4 suspects that had been identified and were being sought. Shed and outbuildings still being targeted and power tools stolen

Drug offences- a drugs warrant was carried out in Bramford, a significant amount of class A was located, male was arrested, charged and remanded

Public order offences- significant reduction

Sexual offences- 2 series sexual offences but parties known to each other so no threat to wider community

Vehicle offences- increase- including Ted a dog that was taken from a car in Belstead- he was later handed into a vet.

Offences against a person- significant reduction, no series assaults reported

ASB – Significant reduction, however a lot are neighbourly disputes and the asb of these off-road motorbikes

Councillor John Whyman – explained the incident whereby he was assaulted near to the Raydon Airfield. He was travelling on his own at the time and saw a lone off-road motorbike rider pulled over. John knowing that this is a current issue, decided to pull over and ask him what he was doing. This resulted in the rider threatening John and grabbing his keys out of his hands. His fingers were left bruised, and he was incredibly shaken up. The rider had his face covered which has made identifying him an issue. Both John and the Police would urge you not to approach but instead take down details and if at all possible, a photo (without putting yourself at risk) and pass on to your local officers.

2.

Good morning,

Please find attached updated spreadsheet showing the progress of NSIPs and large-scale energy projects in the districts for your information.

Of note in this update:

- The Norwich to Tilbury examination continues. Deadline 2 is 12th March. Deadline 1 submissions are expected to be published today / tomorrow. Application details are available here: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN020027> .
- The Planning Inspectorate's decision on the EcoPower scoping request is due to be issued by 9th March.
- Construction of the Bramford to Twinstead development is continuing with work on Bramford substation due to start shortly and the sealing end compounds likely to start in the next month or so.
- We have decided to trial expanding the scope of the Norwich to Tilbury regular drop in session to all NSIPs. The sessions will be held via Teams using the existing meeting invite (I will update the meeting description now) and is open to anyone with queries about any NSIP. The next session is on 12th March.

We are expecting more projects / applications which may warrant a further update during a month. I will continue to review the effectiveness of this email update to keep councillors and parish councils up to date. I appreciate all feedback, thank you.

Please do let me know if you need any support for your parish council meetings regarding any of these projects, or any other matter.

Please be reminded that pre-application details (those shown in red text on blue background) are confidential and must not be shared. If you are uncertain about what can be shared please contact me.

I hope this is helpful. As ever, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

3.



Council agrees ‘financially responsible’ budget to protect services and promises to communities

Babergh District Council has agreed a budget which protects vital services and unlocks funding to deliver promised community projects.

Pylons project would ‘devastate’ special Suffolk landscapes, councils warn

National Grid’s plan for more pylons in the Suffolk countryside should be halted, leading councillors from Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have told a public hearing today.

Council renews pledge to boost biodiversity

Babergh District Council has renewed its commitment to protect, restore, and enhance the district’s biodiversity after approving a new action plan.

Tech donation gives new life to old devices and gets rural communities online

A new initiative distributing refurbished laptops will help tackle digital exclusion and isolation in Suffolk.

Wildlife Wise encouraging grant applications to protect wildlife on Suffolk coast

Organisations looking to deliver projects that help to protect vulnerable wildlife and their habitats on the Suffolk coast are being reminded of the grant funding that’s available from Wildlife Wise.

4.



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Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects Bulletin - March 2026

As you are aware, Suffolk already has a high number of nationally significant infrastructure projects (often referred to as NSIPs) and it is anticipated there are many more coming down the line.

Community representation is at the heart of what local councils do and it is essential that through town and parish councils and parish meetings, local voices are heard. The NSIP process is complicated, lengthy and impacts on both officer and councillor time.

[This link takes you to our March 2026 update newsletter](#), produced jointly by SALC and Suffolk County Council.

We are also now able to provide an update regarding the recruitment of a new dedicated resource at SALC for these projects. [Use this link to our website to read our news item introducing Elma Glasgow.](#)


5.

As you may recall, we've been in touch previously about our plans for Brantham Skatepark. We're excited to share that our crowdfunding campaign is now live, bringing us closer than ever to creating a safe, vibrant space for local young people and families - not just in Brantham, but across the wider area.

We're so close to making Brantham Skatepark a reality! If our crowdfunder reaches £15,000, Sport England will match every pound, doubling the impact of your support. Every share, like, and donation brings us closer!

How you can help:

- Please share the campaign with councillors, local groups, and community networks
- Post about it on social media to spread the word

 Support or share the campaign here: <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/brantham-skate-park>

Let's give our community a space to be active, confident, and connected — together, we can make it happen!

Kind regards,

Sarah Keys
Brantham Parish Clerk

6.



Hoey Ainscough Associates Ltd

Dear Clerks,

We are pleased to share the latest addition to our Code of Conduct factsheet series, focusing on **Declarations of Interest**. Following the fantastic response to our first release, this next guide offers clear, practical advice and is ready to be shared with your Council.

This resource can also be accessed via the Model Council, under the header **Code of Conduct and Standards**.

As part of this initiative, SALC has partnered with **Hoey Ainscough Associates Ltd** to produce a series of six Code of Conduct factsheets. Issued every two months, these will build a valuable library of reference materials designed specifically for clerks.

Code of Conduct remains a key issue for councils, and we hope this initiative will help promote improved practices across Suffolk.

Look out for the next instalment - **Dispensations** - which will be released sometime in May.

Kind regards,

Claire & Sophie

7.



Local Government Re-organisation (LGR) in Suffolk - Government Decision

On 25th March 2026, the Government issued a Written Ministerial Statement confirming its decisions regarding Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) in Suffolk.

The Government has confirmed that the three-unitary model for Suffolk will proceed including a boundary change to expand the size of Ipswich.

[Click here to read our Government Decision blog post.](#)

We have also created a new LGR Information Page which we will be using to keep you informed.

[Click here to view the LGR Information Page.](#)

8.

Dear colleagues,

Having today received the decision on Local Government Reorganisation, I'm keen to update you directly on what this means for the future shape of councils in Suffolk.

The Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government has confirmed that Suffolk will move to **three unitary councils**.

These new authorities will replace the current six councils, with the three new unitary councils covering western Suffolk, central and eastern Suffolk, and Ipswich and southern Suffolk.

The new councils will come into operation in April 2028. Ahead of this, elections scheduled for next year will establish three shadow authorities responsible for guiding, shaping and overseeing the transition within their respective geography.

As you may expect, our leaders have welcomed the news as part of a [joint statement from the district and borough council leaders](#) – looking forward to creating councils that are large enough to deliver, and local enough to care.

Our council officers are also fully committed to working together to ensure a smooth transition and to maximise the opportunities that this change presents for our residents, communities and partners – including our town and parish councils.

This is the most significant change to Suffolk's local government arrangements in more than 50 years. We now have a collective responsibility to help shape three new councils that can continue to deliver the essential services our communities rely on from day one.

We will keep you informed of next steps as the detail of our transformation programme develops, but for now, our focus is on embracing the challenge ahead and working collectively to deliver the very best outcomes for the people of Suffolk.

Kind regards,

Arthur Charvonia
Chief Executive, Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils

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A message from Councillor Matthew Hicks, Leader of Suffolk County Council

Dear colleague,

Next week, Nicola Beach will be stepping down as Chief Executive of Suffolk County Council after eight years of dedicated service. It has been wonderful working with such a dedicated, skilled, and determined person who has a real love for our great county – so I wish her well in her future endeavours.

You may have heard that Mark Ash and Andrew Cook have been appointed as Joint Chief Executives and will take up their roles from 1 April. As Executive Directors already working for the county council, Mark and Andrew bring a wealth of experience and knowledge - both of local government but also Suffolk. Whilst they will be working together, their roles are very different and reflect the sheer depth and breadth of activity required at Suffolk County Council in the next two years. For your information, Mark will lead on local government reorganisation, devolution, and our wider change programme - ensuring unitary government in Suffolk is delivered effectively. As Head of Paid Service, Andrew will be responsible for ensuring the council continues to operate effectively, meeting all statutory requirements whilst delivering safe, high-quality and reliable services to residents.

They are both committed to continuing and building on our relationship with partners and are looking forward to continuing working with you.

By now, I'm sure that you will have heard that the Government has announced that Suffolk's current two-tier system of local government will be replaced with three unitary authorities: Western Suffolk, Eastern and Central Suffolk, and Ipswich and Southern Suffolk (which many are referring to as 'Greater Ipswich').

Suffolk County Council is of course hugely disappointed with this decision to carve up Suffolk because there is clear evidence that this is not the best outcome for the county. [I have been clear in my position on this matter.](#)

However, our focus now is on ensuring Suffolk continues to receive the high-quality public services and support it deserves. This includes town and parish councils.

In the coming weeks, we will take time to understand and communicate the next steps.

Thank you for your continued engagement throughout the LGR process. Your contributions have been fantastically valuable in helping shape the LGR proposals and we fully intend to ensure these contribute to our transition workstreams with partners.

Finally, a reminder that Suffolk County Council recently updated its 20mph policy, giving town and parish councils a stronger role in proposing 20mph limits in their local areas - with a simpler, evidence-led approval process where existing speeds are 28mph or below. [There is more information available on our website.](#)

Kind regards,

Cllr Matthew Hicks
Leader
Suffolk County Council

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Weekly news e-bulletin

week commencing 30th March 2026

Audit Blogs

We are now entering Audit season! Following the success of our blog posts last year we have published updated versions of these again for 2026.

We have posted blogs on Transparency Codes, Internal Audit and External Audit – what are they? and Councils that are eligible to claim exemption – what the council must do.

Blogs coming soon include - Councils that are over £25,000 or not eligible to claim exemption – what the council must do, Parish meetings that are eligible to claim exemption – what the parish meeting must do, Parish meetings that are over £25,000 or not eligible to claim exemption – what the parish meeting must do. All blogs will be posted on our Preparing for Audit webpage.

[Click here to view the page.](#)

New Suffolk County Council Neighbourhood Planning Guidance Document

The SCC Planning team is pleased to share with you the updated guidance document for communities and town/parish councils who are preparing neighbourhood plans. This is an update to the previous Neighbourhood Planning guidance.

[Click here to view the document.](#)

NALC responding to Lords National Resilience Committee Inquiry into National Resilience

NALC will be submitting a short response to the Lords National Resilience Committee Inquiry into National Preparedness and Resilience which will address the current context for preparedness and resilience, including the threats which the UK currently faces; how to achieve a whole of society approach in which everyone plays a role in achieving resilience; the interconnectedness of risks across different threats, sectors, countries, and timeframes; and strategic gaps which could be addressed, including in the private sector.

If your Super Council or Micro Council is active in local resilience (e.g. through fighting flooding/engaging with your Local Resilience Forum/emergency planning) please do send in a short thumbnail case study to NALC at policycomms@nalc.gov.uk by latest **17:00 on 2 April 2026** and they will seek to include your thumbnail, in an annex to the NALC response.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Practitioners Guide 2026/27

The 2026/27 edition of the Practitioners' Guide was published last week. The 2026/27 edition applies to Annual Governance and Accountability Returns (AGAR) for financial years commencing on or after 1 April 2026.

[Click here to view or download the Practitioners Guide 2026/27](#)

NEW - NALC toolkit to help you engage with MPs and parliamentarians

Make your voice heard in Westminster

Parish and town councils are at the heart of their communities. Now it's time to make sure those voices are heard at the national level.

NALC have launched a new Engaging Parliament Toolkit to help you build stronger, more effective relationships with MPs and other parliamentarians.

This practical, easy-to-use resource gives you everything you need to:

- Engage confidently with decision-makers
- Champion your community's priorities
- Influence policy on issues that matter locally

[Click here to explore the Toolkit](#)

FREE - Welfare Benefit Update Courses

Suffolk County Council are running sessions relating to Welfare benefits Book your place on one of their free half-day Welfare Benefits Update courses.

Each course will provide delegates with an overview of recent and forthcoming changes, including:

- The removal of the two-child limit
- Universal Credit for people with limited capability for work and work-related activity
 - The introduction of the Crisis and Resilience Fund
- The government's future plans for Personal Independence Payment, Pension Credit and Housing Benefit
- Plus, a round-up of important benefit changes introduced over the last 12 months

Face-to-face update courses will take place on the following dates:

- 7 April 2026 - Welfare Benefits Update 1 (Landmark House Visitor Centre Ipswich)
- 8 April 2026 - Welfare Benefits Update 2 (West Suffolk House Bury St. Edmunds)
 - 9 April 2026 - Welfare Benefits Update 3 (Riverside Lowestoft)
- 24 April 2026 - Welfare Benefits Update 4 (Endeavour House Ipswich)

To book email welfarerightstraining@suffolk.gov.uk

REMINDER - Suffolk Highways - Town, Parish Council & Parish Meeting Survey

Following our direct mailing last week, we would like to remind you that the Town, Parish Council & Parish Meeting Survey, which has been developed to help Suffolk Highways better understand how we can improve communication, support, and service delivery for your council, is now open.

Your feedback is extremely important and will play a key role in shaping future service improvements across Suffolk.

Please complete the online survey by **30th April 2026**.

[Click here for the online version.](#)

[Click here for the PDF version.](#)

[Click here for the MS Word version.](#)

Sharing Information

Denham Parish Council would like to ask if any parishes have submitted applications to the planning authority for housing and if so would they be prepared to share experiences and costs with them. **[If you can help, please click here to email the clerk directly.](#)**

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Planning Inspectorate
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Norwich to Tilbury – Project Update

A project update has been published.

The Examining Authority's notification of hearings to be held in the week commencing 27 April 2026 has been issued.

[View the hearing notification letter](#) (PDF, 205KB)

Anyone who wishes to attend the hearings in the week commencing 27 April 2026 is required to register using the [event participation form](#). The deadline to register is 23:59 on 10 April 2026.

The Examining Authority has published its decision on the applicant's request to make changes to the application.

[View the decision](#) (PDF, 199KB)

The [Examination Library](#) (PDF, 1MB) has been updated.

You can view the [Project information](#) for more information.

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Annual Inspection

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Tattingstone 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.

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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)	✓	✓ [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)	✓	✓ [5]
6.2.1 Inspection of one post equipment (see note 1)	✓	✓ [1]
6.2.4 Undertaking the Operators inspection protocol	✓	✗

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.

Risk Assessment Matrix

			Scores in the report are multiplication factors of Likelihood x Severity					
			Severity>>					
Likelihood	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)
	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)
			Very Low	Low	Moderate	High	Very High	
			1	2	3	4	5	
			No injury likely e.g. damaged or soiled clothing, minor bruising, grazes	Minor injury, laceration or bruising requiring first aid only	Injury requiring medical intervention e.g. cuts requiring stitches	Serious injury including concussions or fracture of long bones	Severe injury involving a potential life changing injury or fatality	
			Severity>>					
<p>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).</p> <p>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.</p>								

Equipment has been assessed to the following standards where relevant:

- BS EN 1176 Parts 1-11 (Playground equipment and surfacing)
- BS EN 14974 (Facilities for users of roller sports equipment)
- BS EN 15312 (Free access multi-sports equipment)
- BS EN 16899 (Parkour Equipment)
- BS EN 16630 (Outdoor Fitness Equipment).

Tattingstone Play Area

Inspection Ref: 2983757

Site Ref: 13650

Inspected: 16-February-2026 - 13:00 by James Law (RPII Annual Inspector)

Risk Assessment: 12 Moderate Risk

**Location:**

The site is located in an area of public open space and is not directly overlooked by any properties in the local community.

Disabled Access:

Some accessible features - The area includes limited accessible elements; however, aspects of the layout, surfacing, or equipment may present barriers to use for some people with disabilities without reasonable adjustments or assistance.

i 5 - Very Low Risk

Item: Sign
Manufacturer: Not Identified
Surface Type: N/A
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: N/A
Surface Area Compliance: N/A

Total Findings: 1



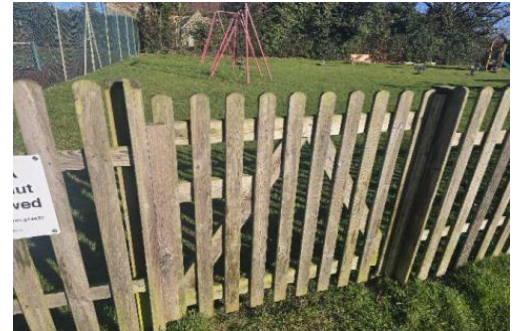
Finding 1

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

i 8 - Low Risk

Item: Gate
Manufacturer: Not Identified
Surface Type: Grass
Item Quantity: 1
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 - Provide a 12mm gap throughout full range of motion at both sides of gate

i 8 - Low Risk

Item: Gate - Maintenance
Manufacturer: Not Identified
Surface Type: Grass
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: N/A
Surface Area Compliance: N/A



Total Findings: 2

Finding 1

The maintenance gate was correctly padlocked at the time of inspection, however this means that the inspector was unable to fully assess the gate - Ensure that there are 12mm gaps throughout the full range of motion on gate/s and between leaves where relevant

Finding 2

There are projecting bolt thread(s) present - Remove excess thread length and deburr or provide cap

i 4 - Very Low Risk

Item: Fencing - Timber
Manufacturer: Not Identified
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 -

i 4 - Very Low Risk

Item: Hedge
Manufacturer: Natural Feature
Surface Type: N/A
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: N/A
Surface Area Compliance: N/A



Total Findings: 1

Finding 1

This item is satisfactory - no work required -

i 4 - Very Low Risk

Item: Bench
Manufacturer: Not Identified
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 -

i 6 - Low Risk

Item: Picnic Table
Manufacturer: Not Identified
Surface Type: Grass
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: N/A
Surface Area Compliance: N/A



Total Findings: 2

Finding 1

There is some strimmer / machinery damage apparent on the posts, this can penetrate the preservative applied to the timber and accelerate the rotting process - Monitor for any deterioration (rot) and replace as required

Finding 2

There is some evidence of rot in the timber - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

i 6 - Low Risk

Item: Tyre Trail
Manufacturer: Not Identified
Surface Type: Grass
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: Yes
Surface Area Compliance: Yes



Total Findings: 1

Finding 1

There is some damage to the item - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

i 8 - Low Risk

Item: Activity Trail
Manufacturer: Adventure Playgrounds
Surface Type: Grass
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: Yes
Surface Area Compliance: Yes



Total Findings: 2

Finding 1

There is/are bolt cap covers missing or damaged on the item - Replace missing or damaged bolt cap covers

Finding 2

The grass has eroded within the impact area of the equipment and may not provide the necessary impact attenuating properties for the equipment fall height; the surface may also be slippery in wet weather - Reinstate the grass or provide an all weather surface

i 8 - Low Risk

Item: Toadstools
Manufacturer: Not Identified
Surface Type: Grass
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: Yes
Surface Area Compliance: Yes



Total Findings: 1

Finding 1

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

i 10 - Low Risk

Item: Spring See-Saw
Manufacturer: Husson UK
Surface Type: Grass Matrix Tiles
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: No
Surface Area Compliance: Yes



Total Findings: 2

Finding 1

The grass mats are silted up, the soil is compacted and the area will become very slippery when the soil is wet. - Reinstate as required

Finding 2

The concrete base/ timber edge forms a hard object within the impact area of the equipment in contravention of the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1 - Provide Impact attenuating surface

! 12 - Moderate Risk

Item: Roundabout
Manufacturer: Husson UK
Surface Type: Grass Matrix Tiles
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: Yes
Surface Area Compliance: Yes



Total Findings: 4

Finding 1

There is moderate damage to the surface exposing the concrete foundations - Repair the damaged areas of surfacing

Finding 2

The bearing on the unit is dry - Service and lubricate the bearing(s)

Finding 3

There are gaps opening between the grass mat tiles - Provide additional ties or secure / reinstate surface

Finding 4

The grass mats are silted up, the soil is compacted and the area will become very slippery when the soil is wet. - Reinstate as required

i 6 - Low Risk

Item: Spring Bike
Manufacturer: Husson UK
Surface Type: Grass Matrix Tiles
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: Yes
Surface Area Compliance: Yes

Total Findings: 1



Finding 1

This item is satisfactory - no work required -

i 6 - Low Risk

Item: Spring Horse
Manufacturer: Husson UK
Surface Type: Grass Matrix Tiles
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: Yes
Surface Area Compliance: Yes

Total Findings: 1



Finding 1

This item is satisfactory - no work required -

! 12 - Moderate Risk

Item: 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds
Surface Type: Grass Matrix Tiles
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: No
Surface Area Compliance: Yes



Total Findings: 12

Finding 1

The surfacing is severely damaged - Repair damaged areas of surfacing

Finding 2

The chain links are worn excessively and require renewing - Replace worn chains

Finding 3

The chain openings are in excess of 8.6mm and do not meet the recommendations of BS EN 1176 Part 1 - Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

Finding 4

The swing seat connectors have some wear present - Monitor for further deterioration and replace when 40% worn

Finding 5

There is minor distortion damage to one of the legs - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair or replace as required

Finding 6

There is some wear to the shackles - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace when 40% worn

Finding 7

NOTE - The fixings or components for this item were in excess of 2.5m above the standing surface and could not be fully accessed by the inspector. We have completed a visual inspection of the fixings from ground level but a maintenance inspection should be undertaken to assess the condition, security and wear of the components at intervals in accordance with the manufacturers recommendations. - Inspect in accordance with the manufacturers recommendations

Finding 8

The seat/s is / are too close to the frame as defined in BS EN 1176 Part 2 - Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

Finding 9

The seats are too close to each other as defined in BS EN 1176 Part 2; this is a low risk failure and no remedial action is required - Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

Finding 10

The seat has minor damage or wear - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

Finding 11

The connecting pin is showing signs of wear - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

Finding 12

The grass mats are silted up, the soil is compacted and the area will become very slippery when the soil is wet. - Reinststate as required

i 8 - Low Risk

Item: Multi Play (Junior)
Manufacturer: Action Play and Leisure
Surface Type: Grass Matrix Tiles
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: No
Surface Area Compliance: No

Total Findings: 12



Finding 1

There are a number of dents in the slide surface - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

Finding 3

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

Finding 5

The fence forms a hard object within the falling space of the equipment and there is also insufficient surfacing provided in contravention of BS EN 1176 Part 1 - Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

Finding 7

A number of fixing(s) have worked loose - Secure all loose fixings

Finding 9

The inspector has some concerns about the internal condition of the timber crossbeams and was unable to verify the structural integrity without further testing. We recommend a Resi-PD survey to establish the condition of the timber at it's core. - Contact the Play Inspection Company office for further information

Finding 11

There is/are finger entrapment/s in the framework and the item fails to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1 4.2.7.6 Entrapment of fingers - Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

Finding 2

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

Finding 4

The ropes/nets are worn/damaged in places - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair or replace as required

Finding 6

There is some strimmer / machinery damage apparent on the posts, this can penetrate the preservative applied to the timber and accelerate the rotting process - Monitor for any deterioration (rot) and replace as required

Finding 8

There is some evidence of rot in the timber - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

Finding 10

There is/are bolt cap covers missing or damaged on the item - Replace missing or damaged bolt cap covers

Finding 12

The height of the barrier(s) is insufficient and fails to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1 - Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

i 8 - Low Risk

Item: 1 Bay 2 Seat (Cradle)
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds
Surface Type: Grass Matrix Tiles
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: No
Surface Area Compliance: Yes



Total Findings: 8

Finding 1

The seat/s is / are too close to the frame as defined in BS EN 1176 Part 2 - Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

Finding 2

There is some notable evidence of chain wear - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace when 40% worn

Finding 3

The chain openings are in excess of 8.6mm and do not meet the recommendations of BS EN 1176 Part 1 - Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

Finding 4

The connecting lugs are showing signs of wear - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

Finding 5

The connecting links are in excess of 8.6mm and less than 12mm and fail the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1; clause 4.2.13, Chains - Monitor use and replace with compliant links at the next maintenance cycle

Finding 6

The swing seat frames are corroding and damaged - Replace damaged seats

Finding 7

The connecting pins are showing signs of wear - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

Finding 8

The seats are not level at rest - Adjust seat to prevent accelerated chain wear

i 5 - Very Low Risk

Item: Multi Play (Junior)
Manufacturer: Action Play and Leisure
Surface Type: Grass
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: No
Surface Area Compliance: Yes



Total Findings: 4

Finding 1

The item fails to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1 4.2.7.2 for head and neck entrapment in the starting section of the slide - Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

Finding 2

The height of the slide runout is in excess of 200mm and does not meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 3 - Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

Finding 3

There is/are finger entrapment/s in the framework and the item fails to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1 4.2.7.6 Entrapment of fingers - Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

Finding 4

There is / are toggle entrapment/s present in contravention of the recommendations set out in BS EN 1176 Part 1 - Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

i 8 - Low Risk

Item: Log Climber
Manufacturer: Not Identified
Surface Type: Grass Matrix Tiles
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: Yes
Surface Area Compliance: Yes



Total Findings: 1

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. Timber splits may also create rough / splintering edges. - Monitor, sand down any rough edges and ensure the splits do not cross through fixing points of the structure and/or cause any instability

i 8 - Low Risk

Item: Basket Swing - Type 1
Manufacturer: Action Play and Leisure
Surface Type: Grass Matrix Tiles
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: Yes
Surface Area Compliance: Yes

Total Findings: 1

**Finding 1**

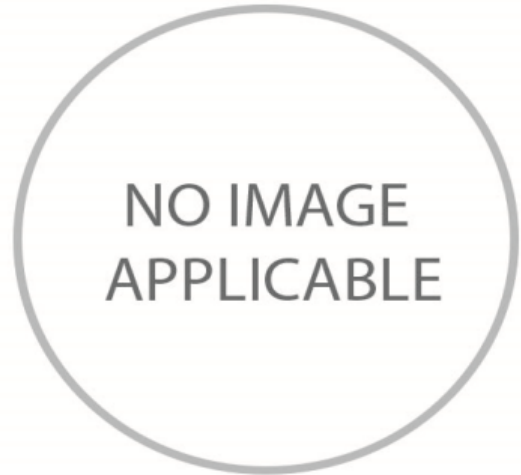
This item is satisfactory - no work required -

Findings information

i 5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Ancillary Items - Sign
Manufacturer: Not Identified

Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Surface: N/A



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

Action: Provide in accordance with the recommendations

i 8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Gates - Gate
Manufacturer: Not Identified

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: There are openings that are less than 12mm that could trap or crush fingers

Action: Provide a 12mm gap throughout full range of motion at both sides of gate

i 0 - Risk Assessment not Undertaken (Finding 1)

Item: Gates - Gate - Maintenance
Manufacturer: Not Identified

Risk Level: N - Risk Assessment not Undertaken
Surface: Grass



Finding: The maintenance gate was correctly padlocked at the time of inspection, however this means that the inspector was unable to fully assess the gate

Action: Ensure that there are 12mm gaps throughout the full range of motion on gate/s and between leaves where relevant

i 8 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Gates - Gate - Maintenance
Manufacturer: Not Identified

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass



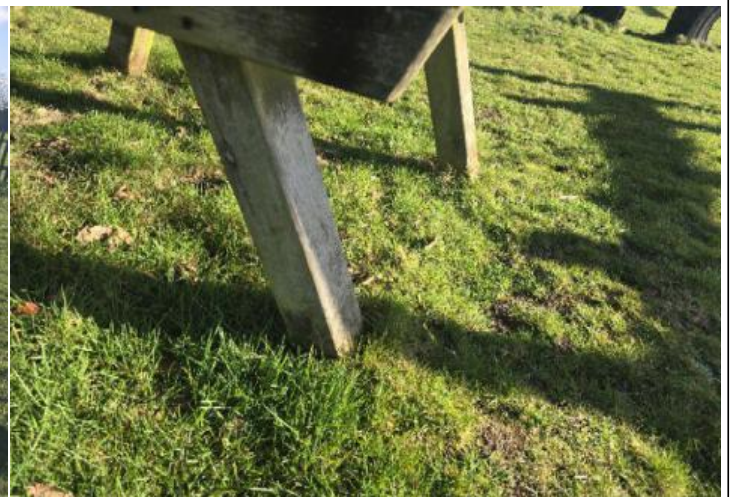
Finding: There are projecting bolt thread(s) present

Action: Remove excess thread length and deburr or provide cap

i 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Ancillary Items - Picnic Table
Manufacturer: Not Identified

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: 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

Action: Monitor for any deterioration (rot) and replace as required

i 6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Ancillary Items - Picnic Table
Manufacturer: Not Identified

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: There is some evidence of rot in the timber

Action: Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

i 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Activity Equipment - Tyre Trail
Manufacturer: Not Identified

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: There is some damage to the item

Action: Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

i 4 - Very Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Activity Equipment - Activity Trail
Manufacturer: Adventure Playgrounds

Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: There is/are bolt cap covers missing or damaged on the item

Action: Replace missing or damaged bolt cap covers

i 8 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Activity Equipment - Activity Trail
Manufacturer: Adventure Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: The grass has eroded within the impact area of the equipment and may not provide the necessary impact attenuating properties for the equipment fall height; the surface may also be slippery in wet weather

Action: Reinstate the grass or provide an all weather surface

i 8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Activity Equipment - Toadstools
Manufacturer: Not Identified

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: There is algae or moss on the surface of the equipment

Action: Clean and treat appropriately

i 8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Rocking Equipment - Spring See-Saw
Manufacturer: Husson UK

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: The grass mats are silted up, the soil is compacted and the area will become very slippery when the soil is wet. **Action:** Reinstate as required

i 10 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Rocking Equipment - Spring See-Saw
Manufacturer: Husson UK

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: The concrete base/ timber edge forms a hard object within the impact area of the equipment in contravention of the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1 **Action:** Provide Impact attenuating surface

! 12 - Moderate Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Rotor Play - Roundabout
Manufacturer: Husson UK

Risk Level: M - Moderate Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: There is moderate damage to the surface exposing the concrete foundations
Action: Repair the damaged areas of surfacing

i 6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Rotor Play - Roundabout
Manufacturer: Husson UK

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: The bearing on the unit is dry
Action: Service and lubricate the bearing(s)

i 9 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

Item: Rotor Play - Roundabout
Manufacturer: Husson UK

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: There are gaps opening between the grass mat tiles

Action: Provide additional ties or secure / reinstate surface tiles

i 8 - Low Risk (Finding 4)

Item: Rotor Play - Roundabout
Manufacturer: Husson UK

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: The grass mats are silted up, the soil is compacted and the area will become very slippery when the soil is wet.

Action: Reinstate as required

! 12 - Moderate Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: M - Moderate Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: The surfacing is severely damaged

Action: Repair damaged areas of surfacing

i 8 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: The chain links are worn excessively and require renewing

Action: Replace worn chains

i 5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 3)

Item: Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



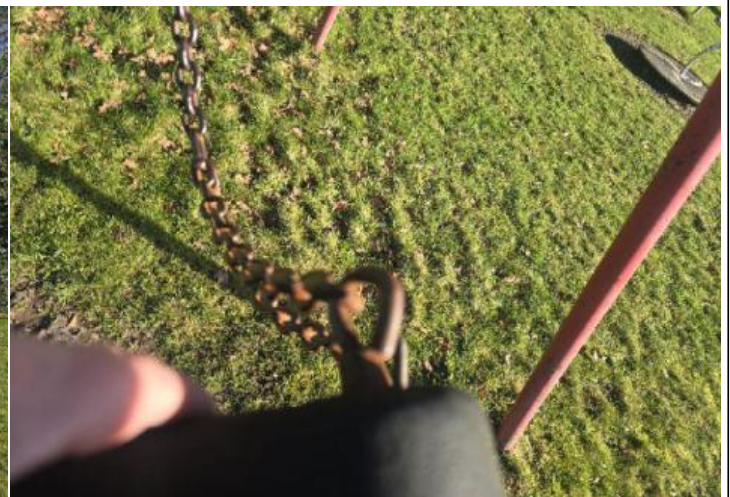
Finding: The chain openings are in excess of 8.6mm and do not meet the recommendations of BS EN 1176 Part 1

Action: Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

i 6 - Low Risk (Finding 4)

Item: Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: The swing seat connectors have some wear present

Action: Monitor for further deterioration and replace when 40% worn

i 6 - Low Risk (Finding 5)

Item: Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: There is minor distortion damage to one of the legs **Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and repair or replace as required

i 8 - Low Risk (Finding 6)

Item: Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: There is some wear to the shackles **Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and replace when 40% worn

i 0 - Risk Assessment not Undertaken (Finding 7)

Item: Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: N - Risk Assessment not Undertaken
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: NOTE - The fixings or components for this item were in excess of 2.5m above the standing surface and could not be fully accessed by the inspector. We have completed a visual inspection of the fixings from ground level but a maintenance inspection should be undertaken to assess the condition, security and wear of the components at intervals in accordance with the manufacturers recommendations.

Action: Inspect in accordance with the manufacturers recommendations

i 6 - Low Risk (Finding 8)

Item: Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: The seat/s is / are too close to the frame as defined in BS EN 1176 Part 2

Action: Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

i 6 - Low Risk (Finding 9)

Item: Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: The seats are too close to each other as defined in BS EN 1176 Part 2; this is a low risk failure and no remedial action is required

Action: Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

i 6 - Low Risk (Finding 10)

Item: Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: The seat has minor damage or wear

Action: Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

i 8 - Low Risk (Finding 11)

Item: Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: The connecting pin is showing signs of wear

Action: Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

i 8 - Low Risk (Finding 12)

Item: Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: The grass mats are silted up, the soil is compacted and the area will become very slippery when the soil is wet. **Action:** Reinstate as required

i 4 - Very Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)
Manufacturer: Action Play and Leisure

Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: There are a number of dents in the slide surface **Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

i 8 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)
Manufacturer: Action Play and Leisure

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: There are areas or parts of the timber platform that have rotted
Action: Replace all affected timbers

i 6 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

Item: Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)
Manufacturer: Action Play and Leisure

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: There is algae or moss on the surface of the equipment
Action: Clean and treat appropriately

i 6 - Low Risk (Finding 4)

Item: Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)
Manufacturer: Action Play and Leisure

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: The ropes/nets are worn/damaged in places

Action: Monitor for any further deterioration and repair or replace as required

i 8 - Low Risk (Finding 5)

Item: Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)
Manufacturer: Action Play and Leisure

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: The fence forms a hard object within the falling space of the equipment and there is also insufficient surfacing provided in contravention of BS EN 1176 Part 1

Action: Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

i 6 - Low Risk (Finding 6)

Item: Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)
Manufacturer: Action Play and Leisure

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



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

Action: Monitor for any deterioration (rot) and replace as required

i 6 - Low Risk (Finding 7)

Item: Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)
Manufacturer: Action Play and Leisure

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: A number of fixing(s) have worked loose

Action: Secure all loose fixings

i 6 - Low Risk (Finding 8)

Item: Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)
Manufacturer: Action Play and Leisure

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: There is some evidence of rot in the timber

Action: Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

i 0 - Risk Assessment not Undertaken (Finding 9)

Item: Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)
Manufacturer: Action Play and Leisure

Risk Level: N - Risk Assessment not Undertaken
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: The inspector has some concerns about the internal condition of the timber crossbeams and was unable to verify the structural integrity without further testing. We recommend a Resi-PD survey to establish the condition of the timber at its core.

Action: Contact the Play Inspection Company office for further information

i 4 - Very Low Risk (Finding 10)

Item: Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)
Manufacturer: Action Play and Leisure

Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: There is/are bolt cap covers missing or damaged on the item

Action: Replace missing or damaged bolt cap covers

i 5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 11)

Item: Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)
Manufacturer: Action Play and Leisure

Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: There is/are finger entrapment/s in the framework and the item fails to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1 4.2.7.6 Entrapment of fingers

Action: Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

i 6 - Low Risk (Finding 12)

Item: Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)
Manufacturer: Action Play and Leisure

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: The height of the barrier(s) is insufficient and fails to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1

Action: Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

i 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Cradle)
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: The seat/s is / are too close to the frame as defined in BS EN 1176 Part 2

Action: Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

i 6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Cradle)
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: There is some notable evidence of chain wear

Action: Monitor for any further deterioration and replace when 40% worn

i 5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 3)

Item: Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Cradle)
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: The chain openings are in excess of 8.6mm and do not meet the recommendations of BS EN 1176 Part 1

Action: Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

i 6 - Low Risk (Finding 4)

Item: Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Cradle)
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: The connecting lugs are showing signs of wear

Action: Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

i 5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 5)

Item: Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Cradle)
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: The connecting links are in excess of 8.6mm and less than 12mm and fail the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1; clause 4.2.13, Chains

Action: Monitor use and replace with compliant links at the next maintenance cycle

i 8 - Low Risk (Finding 6)

Item: Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Cradle)
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: The swing seat frames are corroding and damaged

Action: Replace damaged seats

i 8 - Low Risk (Finding 7)

Item: Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Cradle)
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: The connecting pins are showing signs of wear

Action: Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

i 6 - Low Risk (Finding 8)

Item: Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Cradle)
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: The seats are not level at rest

Action: Adjust seat to prevent accelerated chain wear

i 5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)
Manufacturer: Action Play and Leisure

Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: The item fails to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1 4.2.7.2 for head and neck entrapment in the starting section of the slide

Action: Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

i 4 - Very Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)
Manufacturer: Action Play and Leisure

Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Surface: Grass



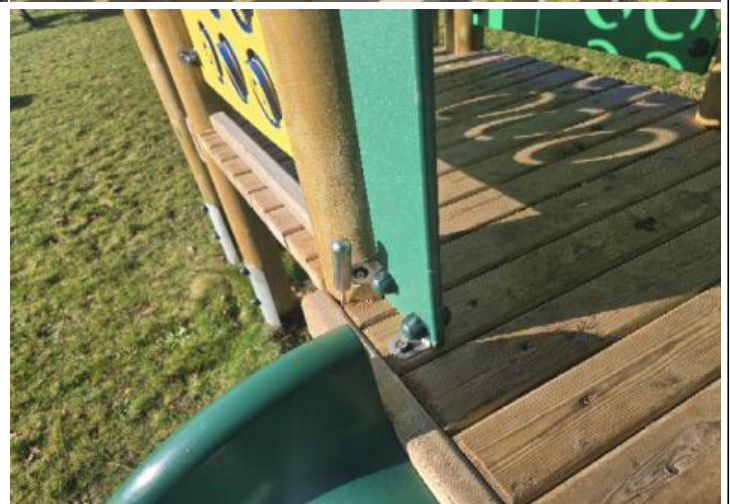
Finding: The height of the slide runout is in excess of 200mm and does not meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 3

Action: Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

i 5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 3)

Item: Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)
Manufacturer: Action Play and Leisure

Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: There is/are finger entrapment/s in the framework and the item fails to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1 4.2.7.6 Entrapment of fingers

Action: Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

i 5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 4)

Item: Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)
Manufacturer: Action Play and Leisure

Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: There is / are toggle entrapment/s present in contravention of the recommendations set out in BS EN 1176 Part 1

Action: Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

i 8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Activity Equipment - Log Climber
Manufacturer: Not Identified

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: 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. Timber splits may also create rough / splintering edges.

Action: Monitor, sand down any rough edges and ensure the splits do not cross through fixing points of the structure and/or cause any instability

PAYMENTS TO BE MADE

Payee	Internal Ref	Detail	Method	NETT	VAT	TOTAL
R. Belcher-Nairn	Apr 2	Clerk salary Mar 2026	BACs	556.77		556.77
R. Belcher-Nairn	Apr 3	Working from Home Allowance	BACs	26.00		26.00
R. Belcher-Nairn	Apr 4	MS365 Subscription (paid by personal card due to debit card being cancelled)	BACs	8.51	1.70	10.21
NEST	Apr 5	RBN Pension Contribution	Direct Debit	48.92		48.92
Tesco Mobile	Apr 6	Phone	Direct Debit	15.99		15.99
HMRC	Apr 7	PAYE Q4 2025-26	BACs	468.58		468.58
R. Belcher-Nairn	Apr 8	Reimbursement – Year End Training	BACs	23.45		23.45
R. Belcher-Nairn	Apr 9	Reimbursement – Tatt PC share NALC Planning Training	BACs	11.55	2.31	13.86
R. Belcher-Nairn	Apr 10	Reimbursement – Tatt PC share NALC Conference	BACs	28.05	5.61	33.66
Suffolk County Council	Apr 12	Street lighting maintenance	BACs	257.37	51.46	308.83
						£1506.27

Countersigned by.....Chair of Parish Council

All payments authorised under The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012

Note: Council resolved at the 2023 Annual Meeting that it met the eligibility conditions, and this continues right through until the next relevant annual meeting which will be May 2027.

This is regardless of whether the Council continues to meet those conditions for the duration, (para 7.12 of the Explanatory Memorandum to The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012 refers



Neighbourhood CIL Expenditure Report

Town or Parish Council: Tattingstone
1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026

A	Total CIL income balance carried over from previous year	£ 23,390.62
B	Total CIL income received in reporting year (receipts received in April and October)	£ 0.00
C	Total CIL spent within reporting year (expenditure, net amount if VAT recoverable)	£ 0.00
D	Total CIL retained at year end (A+B-C)	£ 23,390.62

Neighbourhood CIL Expenditure – Details of Spent Funds

Items to which CIL funds have been spent:	(Net amount if VAT recoverable)
Total spent	£ 0.00

Neighbourhood CIL – Details of Allocated Funds (not yet spent)

Items to which CIL funds have been allocated but not yet spent:	(Net amount if VAT recoverable)
Donation to Playing Field Committee to upgrade play equipment (phase 2)	£ 4,577
Memorial bench	£ 450.00
Leaflet printing	£ 300.00
Total Allocated	£ 5,327

Has the expenditure report been uploaded onto the Parish's website: (Y/N)

**This form needs to be signed by two representatives of the Parish/Town Council
(electronic signatures are not acceptable)**

Signed: **Position:**

Verified: **Position:**

Please scan and email this form to the following email address

infrastructure@babberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk



CIL SPENDING REVIEW – Sept 2025 for the year ending 31 March 2026

Neighbourhood CIL is governed by the CIL Regulations and the rate at which it is paid is set out in national legislation. For those Parish Councils with a made Neighbourhood Plan it is 25% (with no CAPO and for Parishes where there is no made Neighbourhood Plan it is 15% subject to a cap which is set out nationally (in legislation). *The cap is worked out at £100 index linked per occupied property within the parish. The cap rate is set for the year and changes on the 1st January each year.*

1. CIL Resources available

CIL funding currently stands at:

Financial Year	Income	Expenditure	CIL running Total	Timescales
2021-22	£7,485.48		£7485.48	06.10.26
2022-23	£10,838.85		£18,324.33	07.04.27
2023-24		£263.99	£18,060.34	
		£887.95	£17,172.39	
		£1245.00	£15,927.39	
		£49.83	£15,877.56	
2024-25	£13817.81	£6507.25	£23,188.12	
2025-26	£0.00			
<i>Committed</i>		£4577	£18,611.12	Balance after committed funds
Totals	£32,142.14	£13,531.02		

2. Projects completed as bids against the Neighbourhood CIL Pot

The following projects having been previously approved as valid projects for the Neighbourhood CIL pot are now completed with monies being fully paid out

Project	Budget	Predicted Cost	Sources of External Funding	Neighbourhood CIL (Parish) Funding	Start date	Current Position

3. Projects identified as potential bids against the Neighbourhood CIL Pot

The following projects have been identified as valid bids against the Neighbourhood CIL Pot, have approval and are awaiting completion with monies being fully allocated and therefore committed:

Project	Budget	Predicted Cost	Sources of External Funding	Neighbourhood CIL (Parish) Funding	Start date	Current Position
Play area updates	None allocated	£18,000	Neighbourhood CIL (BDC)	£4577	Once BDC CIL Funding approved	Funding request to BDC CIL underway

4. The following projects may be identified or submitted as potential discussion bids and will provide the basis for infrastructure spending as developments come online

Items highlighted in GRAY will be identified on an “as and when demand” as the parish continues to grow

Project	Budget	Predicted Cost	Sources of External Funding	Neighbourhood CIL (Parish) Funding	Additional consultation required	Further information
New Grit Bins	On as an when basis			Neighbourhood CIL (Parish)		
New Waste Bins	On as and when basis			Neighbourhood CIL (Parish)		
New Parish Benches	On as and when basis			Neighbourhood CIL (Parish)		

Tattingstone Parish Council
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

	RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS
Opening Balance		
Balance at Bank	45,862.52	
Cash in Hand		
Precept	17,005.80	
Bank interest	246.59	
Allotments	159.60	
Tattingstone Tattler Income		
CIL income		
Clerk/RFO Salary		6,855.19
Clerk/RFO expenses		1,053.20
Payroll costs		80.00
Audit		492.00
Hall Hire		210.00
Website/email		347.00
Insurance		639.22
Training		213.45
GDPR Costs		47.00
Miscellaneous		105.00
Staff recruitment		
Election costs		
SALC Subscription		278.23
SLCC Subscription		83.49
Donations		710.00
Church Support		800.00
Tattingstone Tattler Expenditure		500.00
Bin emptying		498.00
Litter bin purchases		
Playground inspection		
General Village Maintenance		
Play area grass cutting		1,680.00
Street lighting		273.20
Purchases/assets		1,145.01
Miscellaneous/project support		2,363.50
CIL expenditure		
Neighbourhood Plan Income		
Neighbourhood Plan expenditure		
VAT reclaim		
Tax & NI		
Accounting Package		228.00
Tax & NI		1,427.78
Stationary		
Postage		4.95

Tattlingstone Parish Council
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

	RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS
Mobile Phone		131.51
Microsoft 365		102.39
Tattler income		
Misc. income	20.00	
Staff Pension		416.75
VAT	2,044.14	951.05
	19,476.13	21,635.92
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Closing Balances:		
Balances in Bank Account		43,702.73
Cash in Hand		
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TOTAL	65,338.65	65,338.65

The above statement represents fairly the financial position of the council as at 31 Mar 2026

Signed _____
Responsible Financial Officer

Date _____

Tattingstone Parish Council

01 April 2026 (2025-2026)

Detailed Budget Summary

All Cost Centres and Codes (Between 01/04/2025 and 01/04/2026)

		Last Year 2024-2025				Current Year 2025-2026				Next Year					
Administration		Receipts		Payments		Receipts				Payments				Receipts	Payments
Code	Title	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Forecast	Total	Budget	Actual	Forecast	Total	Budget	Budget
8	Payroll costs			120.00	69.75					126.00	80.00		80.00		
9	Audit			500.00	484.00					524.96	492.00		492.00		
10	Hall Hire			250.00	279.50					262.48	210.00		210.00		
11	Website/email			300.00	262.22					315.00	347.00		347.00		
12	Insurance			560.00	555.57					587.96	639.22		639.22		
13	Training			200.00	186.00					209.96	213.45		213.45		
14	GDPR Costs			40.00	35.00					42.04	47.00		47.00		
15	Miscellaneous				115.03						105.00		105.00		
16	Staff recruitment			200.00						209.96					
17	Election costs			200.00						209.96					
35	Tax & NI				409.92										
36	Accounting Package			250.00	228.00					262.48	228.00		228.00		
38	Stationary			100.00						105.04					
39	Postage			20.00						20.96	4.95		4.95		
40	Mobile Phone				71.64						131.51		131.51		
41	Microsoft 365				77.40						102.39		102.39		
SUB TOTAL				2,740.00	2,774.03					2,876.80	2,600.52		2,600.52		

		Last Year 2024-2025				Current Year 2025-2026				Next Year					
CIL		Receipts		Payments		Receipts				Payments				Receipts	Payments
Code	Title	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Forecast	Total	Budget	Actual	Forecast	Total	Budget	Budget
5	CIL income	500.00	13,817.81			524.96									
31	CIL expenditure				6,490.37										

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SUB TOTAL	500.00	13,817.81	6,490.37	524.96
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		Last Year 2024-2025				Current Year 2025-2026				Next Year					
Income		Receipts		Payments		Receipts		Payments		Receipts	Payments				
Code	Title	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Forecast	Total	Budget	Actual	Forecast	Total	Budget	Budget
1	Precept	16,196.00	16,196.00			17,005.76	17,005.80		17,005.80						
2	Bank interest	50.00	55.68			52.52	246.59		246.59						
3	Allotments	100.00	143.76	100.00		105.04	159.60		159.60	105.04					
34	VAT reclaim														
42	Tattler income		200.00												
43	Misc. income		50.00				20.00		20.00						
SUB TOTAL		16,346.00	16,645.44	100.00		17,163.32	17,431.99		17,431.99	105.04					

		Last Year 2024-2025				Current Year 2025-2026				Next Year					
Neighbourhood Plan		Receipts		Payments		Receipts		Payments		Receipts	Payments				
Code	Title	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Forecast	Total	Budget	Actual	Forecast	Total	Budget	Budget
32	Neighbourhood Plan I														
33	Neighbourhood Plan e				2,558.50										
SUB TOTAL					2,558.50										

		Last Year 2024-2025				Current Year 2025-2026				Next Year					
Other items		Receipts		Payments		Receipts		Payments		Receipts	Payments				
Code	Title	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Forecast	Total	Budget	Actual	Forecast	Total	Budget	Budget
29	Purchases/assets			700.00	714.02					735.04	1,145.01		1,145.01		
30	Miscellaneous/project			396.00	10.00					415.80	2,363.50		2,363.50		

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SUB TOTAL		1,096.00	724.02		1,150.84	3,508.51	3,508.51	
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		Last Year 2024-2025				Current Year 2025-2026				Next Year					
Services		Receipts		Payments		Receipts		Payments		Receipts	Payments				
Code	Title	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Forecast	Total	Budget	Actual	Forecast	Total	Budget	Budget
23	Bin emptying			435.00	414.00					456.72	498.00		498.00		
24	Litter bin purchases														
25	Playground inspection			100.00	53.15					105.04					
26	General Village Mainte			500.00	318.72					524.96					
27	Play area grass cutting			1,600.00	1,570.00					1,680.04	1,680.00		1,680.00		
28	Street lighting			550.00	307.67					577.48	273.20		273.20		
SUB TOTAL				3,185.00	2,663.54					3,344.24	2,451.20		2,451.20		

		Last Year 2024-2025				Current Year 2025-2026				Next Year					
Staff costs		Receipts		Payments		Receipts		Payments		Receipts	Payments				
Code	Title	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Forecast	Total	Budget	Actual	Forecast	Total	Budget	Budget
6	Clerk/RFO Salary			6,000.00	5,595.74					6,300.00	6,855.19		6,855.19		
7	Clerk/RFO expenses			220.00	1,174.30					231.04	1,053.20		1,053.20		
37	Tax & NI			1,500.00	1,301.12					1,575.00	1,427.78		1,427.78		
44	Staff Pension										416.75		416.75		
SUB TOTAL				7,720.00	8,071.16					8,106.04	9,752.92		9,752.92		

		Last Year 2024-2025				Current Year 2025-2026				Next Year					
Subscriptions/grants/Donations		Receipts		Payments		Receipts		Payments		Receipts	Payments				
Code	Title	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Forecast	Total	Budget	Actual	Forecast	Total	Budget	Budget

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18	SALC Subscription	275.00	280.69	288.79	278.23	278.23
19	SLCC Subscription	130.00	88.80	136.48	83.49	83.49
20	Donations	800.00	550.00	839.96	710.00	710.00
21	Church Support	800.00		839.96	800.00	800.00
SUB TOTAL		2,005.00	919.49	2,105.19	1,871.72	1,871.72

Tattingstone Tattler		Last Year 2024-2025				Current Year 2025-2026				Next Year				
		Receipts		Payments		Receipts		Payments		Receipts	Payments			
		Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Forecast	Total	Budget	Actual	Forecast	Total	Budget
4	Tattingstone Tattler Inc													
22	Tattingstone Tattler Ex									500.00			500.00	
SUB TOTAL										500.00			500.00	

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TOTAL	16,846.00	30,463.25	16,846.00	24,201.11	17,688.28	17,431.99	17,431.99	17,688.15	20,684.87	20,684.87
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DONATION REVIEW – April 2026 for the year ending 31 March 2026

Financial Year	Budget	Expenditure	Recipient	Running Total
2023-24	£800	£500	Tattingstone VH Fete Committee	£300
		£50	Royal British Legion	£250
2024-25	£800	£500	Tattingstone VH Fete Committee	£550
		£50	Royal British Legion	£500
2025-26	£800	£500	Tattingstone Playing Field Committee	£800
		£150	Lighthouse Women's Aid	£650
		£10	St Mary's Church	£640
		£50	Royal British Legion	£590
Totals	£2400	£1810		£590