

Weedon Bec Play Areas – Risk Assessment

Cavalry Fields play area



Location

In the residential area of Cavalry Fields, off the old A45 (C206) High Street. No vehicular access to the site but road parking

Description

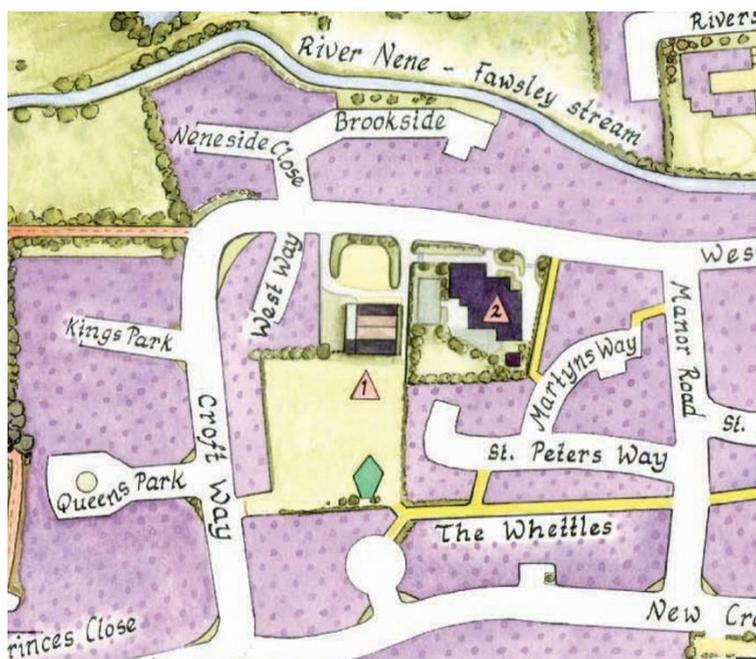
Grass and safety matting in this small area which is predominately fenced with metal round topped fencing. Inherited by the Parish Council following development in the area. A dog bin is located just outside this area.

Facilities

There is a small slide, swing, springy, bench and litter bin.

No dogs allowed on this site.

Croft Way playing field



Location

Off West Street, behind the Village Hall. Barrired access is off Croft Way

Description

The majority of the field is laid out to grass. The field slopes slightly from the south to the north. There is a small children's play area in the south east area. Vehicle barrier access from Croft Way with combination padlock, access for pedestrians also this way. Both sides of the Village Hall are walkable access points from the Hall's car park. On the wider side, there are concrete bollards with one removal bollard, again combination padlocked. Another pedestrian access is from The Whettles footpath through a small open gateway.

Bounded by the Village Hall and resident's hedging.

Facilities

There is a medium sized, enclosed children's play area with metal bow topped fencing, two pedestrian gates and one larger gate for the mower access. Mower access gate has combination padlock entry.

This area includes swings – both cradle and flat, slide, roundabout, springys, see-saw, numerous climbing frames and interactive pieces of equipment. New wooden equipment was installed in November 2019 which includes a clamberstack, pendulum swing and rope swing. There are four dog bins in this field.

There are a few trees planted in the area.

Jubilee Field



Location

Off Bridge Street, near the centre of the village. Car parking area to the front of Bridge Street holding around 24 cars.

Description

The majority of the field is laid out to grass. A flat field containing a full sized football pitch. River Nene runs to the south boundary, the West Coast Mainline runs to the east boundary with Bridge Street on other two sides. Housing, in part, to two sides. The Changing rooms for the Football Club are off the car park which holds around 24 cars. The north side of the field is sloping from the higher ground at that end to the flat level below. There are a majority of trees on this boundary which are inspected and reported on, by a qualified arborist, every three years. There is also a further emergency access, directly onto the field which runs between the houses and the flats in the top left-hand corner. This has a barrier across and is key accessed but likely to be changed to combination padlock shortly. Key is held by the Clerk and the adjacent house owner. The field is designated a Fields in Trust playing field which means nothing can be done to it without permission of the Fields in Trust.

Facilities

One full sized football pitch which is often marked out to cater for the Junior Football teams. One bench in the play area and three along the river. The equipment area contains a basketball court, 2 flat swings a twister and pendulum swing. There is also a slide built into the embankment from the north side of Bridge Street along with a BMX track from the top of Bridge Street along the trees and down to the play equipment.

There are two dog bins in this field.

The changing rooms are owned by the Weedon Sports Association on Parish Council land. These will currently be replaced.

Risk Assessment for all play areas

Hazard	Who	Level of risk	Action
Trips and falls typically giving rise to minor cuts and abrasions, twisted ankles etc	Visitors, contractors	Low	Care to be taken by individuals. All should be alert to local surface conditions. JF: Goal post holes to be capped when posts removed.
Falling trees and branches causing injury	Visitors, contractors	Low	Regular inspections take place. Qualified tree surgeon to inspect trees every 3-5 years or more frequently if required.
Scratches from low hanging branches	Visitors, contractors	Low	Branches to be lifted as required.
Dog bites/faeces	Visitors, contractors	Low/Medium	All dogs on the parks are the owner's responsibility. All reported incidents will be reported to the Dog warden. Dog waste bins are provided on the sites
Personal injury through use of play equipment in all children's play areas	Visitors	Low	Independent safety inspection carried out by contractor every three months. In between these times they are carried out by the Council. Remedial works identified acted upon. Safety notice at site entrances. Parish Council to investigate any reported accident.
Personal injury through ground-work being undertaken	Visitors, contractors	Low	The Parish Council grass cutting contractors carry public liability insurance. Any damage/injury caused by their equipment will be their responsibility.
Personal injury from activities of Weedon Football Club	WFC members, visitors	Low	WFC hold their own insurances and public liability insurance.