

## **SURVEY OF CHILDREN'S PLAY AREAS**

### **KIDWELLS PARK**

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The following observations are based on our personal opinions and are not in any way based on knowledge or expertise in the competence, function or design of play equipment. The lists may not be comprehensive.

In general, this play area is in a better state of repair than Punt Hill or Oaken Grove. Barriers have been set up in two areas where it appears as if new equipment is being installed (Fig.1a,b,c,d). The composite flooring is in good condition except for one small rectangular patch (Fig.2). There is flaking paint on the signs above the entrance gates (Fig.3a,b).

#### **Equipment:**

##### **Swing:**

A rubber swing seat is damaged (Fig.4a,b).

##### **Large climbing frame (Fig.5a):**

There appears to be some wear to the rope used in the climbing net (Fig.5b,c). Temporary repairs have been attempted with adhesive tape – now badly worn away (Fig.5d,e). Elsewhere, the outer protective material covering is wearing away exposing the inner metal rope (Fig.5f).

##### **Multiactivity frame (Fig.6a):**

There is some wear and the metal ropes are beginning to show through (Fig.6b).

##### **Seesaw (Fig.7a):**

Two bolts are missing from the pink casing on the side nearest to the border fence (Fig.7b,c). One bolt is missing from the casing on the opposite side (Fig.7d).

##### **Café – next to play area (Fig.8a):**

An additional comment about the café. We visited the play area on a sunny Thursday afternoon in late April at about 2.30 pm. The café was closed, despite the sign showing that it should have been open (Fig.8b). It also looked rather neglected.

#### **Conclusion:**

The play area is generally in good condition, and it will be interesting to make a follow-up visit when the installation work is finished. In the meantime, there is some evidence of wear and tear, meriting an overall safety check.

## KIDWELLS PARK PLAY EQUIPMENT

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Fig.1(a). Barriers round new installation.



Fig.1(b). Barriers round new installations.



Fig.1(c). Barriers round new installations.



Fig.1(d). Barriers round new installations.



Fig.2. Small patch where flooring is missing.



Fig.3(a). Sign above entrance.



Fig.3(b). Sign above entrance.



Fig.4(a). Damaged swing seat.



Fig.4(b). Damaged swing seat.



Fig.5(a). Overall view of large climbing frame.



Fig.5(b). Worn climbing net.



Fig.5(c). Worn climbing net.



Fig.5(d). Temporary repair to climbing net.



Fig.5(e). Temporary repair to climbing net.



Fig.5(f). Metal rope exposed.



Fig.6(a). Multiactivity frame.



Fig.6(b). Metal rope exposed.





Fig.7(a). Seesaw.



Fig.7(b). Two missing bolts on seesaw.



Fig.7(c). Two missing bolts on seesaw.



Fig.7(d). One missing bolt on seesaw.



Fig.8(a). Café in Kidwells Park.



Fig.8(b). Café opening times.