

Play Strategy Update

October 2021

In order to ensure delivery of the Pay Strategy there are bi-monthly meetings of the officer project team. The following progress report is from October 21 and demonstrates the trend of improvement being delivered.

Notes/Actions

Required improvements sites upgraded to good rating – 5 since August. 10 areas now improved on by since May 2021. Therefore, we now have (as of October 2021):

Excellent	X 4	No change
Good	X 12	Improved by 5
Requires Improvement	X 9 (plus lower Burwood)	Improved by 2 sites from due to improvements made on Poor rated areas
Poor	X 2	Improved by 2 sites

No longer formal play spaces

Social Spaces		Notes
Buckleigh Grange	Bideford	Still has 1 item but too small to be a play area
Goodwood Park	Northam	
Woodland View	Holsworthy	

Taken from May 2021

Excellent	X 4
Good	X 7
Requires Improvement	X 10
Poor	X 13
Total sites	34

We are now only 11 sites away from all sites being rated good! Deadline for this being Jan 2023. Keep up the good work. Well done to the team!

Actions

- Mike Berryman to explore costs of all safety surfacing of 9 sites to be replaced
- Mike Berryman to explore cost of independent Rospa report of Victoria Park play area
- AA to carry out site visits with MC as on spreadsheet
- Update members on those areas that are no longer formal play spaces? Now outside of scope

Next meeting of Officer Group

16th Dec 2021

Play Areas update October 2021				
Area	Park Name	Current condition rating	Future Plan	Notes
Bideford	Devonshire Park	Good	Keep	Upgraded to good! Zip wire fixed. Picnic table being refurbished.
	Victoria Park	Req Imp	Keep	
	Bridge Plats Way	Good	Keep	Upgraded to good! Could do with a lick of paint.
	Chestnut Drive	Poor	Keep	To keep on the radar for options of hat to do with it. Lots of pieces missing but never used
	Old Town gardens	Req Imp	Keep	Speak with Fire service about removing or improving Basketball hoop. 1 play item needs to be replaced. Gate fixed?
	Short Close	Good	Keep	Looking into removing safety surface on lower section so could potentially be an open sports or social area.
	Geneva Court	Req Imp	Handover	Once safety surface is replaced/repared it can be rated as good
	Union Close	Good	Keep	Needs a lick of paint and some slats replacing on the fencing. To be organised
Bideford East	Ayres Close	Req Imp	Keep	No change
	Alverdiscott Road	Good	Keep	Fence repairs done
	Pollyfield	Good	Keep	Upgraded to good! Basket swing and zip line repaired
	Benson Drive	Good	Keep	Maintenance obligations under investigation
	Hanson Park	Good	Keep	Upgraded to good!
Appledore	Village Green	Good	Keep	
	Churchfields	Excellent	Keep	
Torrington	Burwood	Lower - Excellent	Keep	
		Upper - Req Imp	Keep	
	Calvesford Close	Req Improvements	Handover	No change from August. Legal investigation ongoing.
	Castle Hill Gardens	Req Imp	Keep	Site visit required
	Pathfields	Good	Handover?	
	Kingsmead Drive	Excellent	Keep	
	Calf Street	Excellent	Keep	
Hartland	Northgate	Req Imp	Keep	Site visited and engaged with PC plus a couple parents/residents. They plan on ongrading but working with TDC . Bin replaced.
Winkleigh	Elm Meadow	Req Imp	TBC	Upgraded to Requires improvements - Equipment not in bad condition - Site visit required
	Westcots Drive	Req Imp	TBC	Upgraded to Requires improvements - Equipment not in bad condition - Site visit required
Shebbear	Aish Park	Good	Keep/Handover	
Sutcombe	St. Andrews Close	Good for whats there	Handover	TDC in comms with PC
High Bickington	Fountain Fields		Handover	Needs painting