

PITSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

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CATEGORY	LOCATION	OWNERSHIP	DESCRIPTION/CONTENTS	MAINTENANCE ETC	ACCESSIBILITY/LOCATION ISSUES	ACTIONS IN LAST 12 MONTHS	IDENTIFIED AREAS TO ADDRESS
Equipped play areas	Vicarage Road, Recreation Ground	PPC	Replacement play space installed 2020/21: Equipment includes: Viking Swing, Climbing Whirl, Cableway, Fortuna Play Course, DDA Wide Embankment Slide, DDA Sunken Trampoline, DDA Buggy Springer, DDA Bike Springer, Toddler Swings, Nest Carousel, Birds Nest Tree, DDA Cantilever Swing, Cheops Maxi Pyramid with Slide and Junior Swings.  This parcel of leisure land was purchased by the Parish Council in 2019/20 from Pitstone Parish Charity.	Surveyed weekly  Maintenance carried out as necessary  Independent annual inspection undertaken in June Trees surveyed in accordance with risk assessment	fenced to prevent animal access & signage to prohibit dogs (except assistance dogs)  Flat access from car park or across recreation ground  Two entrance points/gates Located in heart of village, on recreation ground and adjacent to the Memorial Hall New footpath partially installed to improve disabled access & will be completed at same time as skate park	Old play equipment removed and new play equipment installed. Post installation inspection undertaken.  Removed kicking goal remains in storage pending identification of suitable location.	Anticipated upgrade of this LEAP to a NEAP continues  Nicholas King Homes have commenced installation of a multi use ball games court with activity panels on land owned by the parish council at the rear of the car park. Eta 2021. The parish council is currently tendering for a concrete wheeled sport park. Possible addition of outdoor fitness equipment or outdoor table tennis in due course.
	Windsor Road	PPC  (area inside fence)	Toddler to mid child area with 13 items of equipment and benches and 2 wooden picnic benches Grassed area with hill, which is used for hide-n-seek, rolling down, climbing etc Edged on one side with hedging, used for hide-n-seek etc open on the other side giving good visibility to open space	Surveyed weekly Maintenance carried out as necessary Independent annual inspection undertaken in June	Fenced to prevent animal access & signage to prohibit dogs (except assistance dogs) Flat access via two points/gates from footpath or cyclepath. No dedicated car parking.  Two additional gates onto the outside grassed area. Located in centre of Castlemead Estate Equipment painted, swing chains & seats replaced 2014 Seesaw replaced 2014 2016 - triple balance beam replaced, wet pour repaired, grass beneath spring mobiles replaced 1 x playground gate replaced, wet pour repaired and minor repairs undertaken 2018.  Additional pedestrian gate installed in 2019 so the maintenance gates could be kept just for maintenance access.	Two sets of swings replaced with new wooden equipment installed by Creative Play. Post installation inspection undertaken.	At point when benches require replacement, consider DDA compliant furniture with backs/arms  Permission granted by Buckinghamshire Council for Parish Council to renovate/update the thermoplastic alphabet snake and hopscotch decals in the seating area outside this play space. Suitable contractors being identified.
	Hever Close	PPC  (area inside fence)	Toddler to mid child area with 11 items of play equipment and benches  Full sized socketed goal added 2016 to kick-about area owned by Buckinghamshire Council	Surveyed weekly Maintenance carried out as necessary Independent annual inspection undertaken in June	Fenced to prevent animal access & signage to prohibit dogs (except assistance dogs) Flat access from footpath to main gate Secondary gate off bark path No dedicated car parking. Located at far end of Castlemead Estate  2016 - rolling log replaced Socketed full sized park goal installed on 'kick about' area June 2016 2017 - bin added by goal 2018 - wet pour repaired and minor repairs undertaken  Additional pedestrian gate installed in 2019 so the maintenance gates could be kept just for maintenance access.	None.	At point when benches require replacement, consider DDA compliant furniture with backs/arms
Sports Areas	Vicarage Road, Recreation Ground	PPC	Kicking wall with cricket wicket for mid to older children			Removed 2019 to enable installation of play space	Future tbc now no longer required at Hever Close In storage
	Vicarage Road, Recreation Ground	PPC	Basketball net and practice court for mid to older children			Removed 2020 as part of play space installation and improved facilities will be provided with MUGA being installed by Nicholas King Homes	
	Vicarage Road, Recreation Ground	PPC	Skate park for mid to older children	n/a	n/a		Tendering process underway. ETA for installation by end of 2021.  portable skate facilities available at Pitstone Youth Café on a weekly basis
	Vicarage Road, Recreation Ground	PPC	Open access multi use ball games court	n/a	n/a	Developer submitted planning application for MUGA in April 2017. Approved December 2018. Developer now commenced work at site and hope	Facilities will eventually be adopted by the parish council Discussions currently ongoing with the developer

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						to complete installation 2021. Displacement parking to be provided by NKH in adjacent development area.	
	Sports pavilion, Lower Icknield Way	PPC	Two football pitches (one senior one junior) plus pavilion	Surveyed weekly Grounds maintained by groundsman Trees surveyed in accordance with risk assessment	Dedicated access from road, pedestrian access off Lower Icknield Way, flat access around site and disabled access to pavilion/toilet Pavilion and Pitches kept locked, but grass/tree area to the front is open all the time to pedestrians Trees on boundary have been cut back to improve visibility to the open area 2018 - ball stop netting installed, replacement western boundary fence installed and senior pitch extended	2019 planning granted for improved building, storage and access. Works undertaken in 2020 and now provides a community facility with room, kitchen & toilets as well as self contained changing village. Also now the location of the Parish Council office & store.	Progressing site plans as part of leisure development project, which may include floodlights, seating, pitch surrounds etc.
	Recreation Ground, Vicarage Road	PPC as charity trustees	Recreation ground utilised for football and cricket with dedicated pitches. Changing/kitchen facilities available in neighbouring Memorial Hall. Registered charity. Registered Village Green.	Surveyed weekly Grounds maintained by groundsman Trees surveyed in accordance with risk assessment	Football goals kept locked away & controlled by football clubs Cricket practice nets available for open use Located in heart of village, with easy, flat access from all directions. Hall has disabled access/toilet.  Water spur taken from Memorial Hall to increase pressure of feed to cricket square. Water funded by Cricket Club. 2016 - 2 new cricket wickets laid (part funded by PPC) 2016 - cricket club granted permission to store mobile cricket nets on site 2017 - 2 wickets renovated by cricket club 2018 - new section of hedgerow planted by cricket club. Wicket renovated by club.  2019 - 4 new trees planted (1 subsequently vandalised) 2020/21 - dead trees replaced		Cricket Club working with Memorial Hall Charity to ensure building better meets regulations of cricket board  Working with Cricket Club re replacement of vandalised single cricket nets, with new double lane cricket practice nets. Single nets removed. Funding sourced for double nets (including grant for S106 release from Buckinghamshire Council). Eta for installation 2021. New facilities to be open access for all residents.
	Hever Close	TW but will transfer to BC	One park football goal in dedicated kicking area	Surveyed weekly. Parish Council undertaken to maintain goal and ground immediately in front. TW/BC remain responsible for rest of maintenance.	No dedicated parking. Located at far end of Castlemead estate at the top of the grass bank. Installed June 2015. 2017 - bin installed	Net replaced	
	Westfield Road/Windsor Road	TW but will transfer to BC	Clear red marked cycle paths all along Westfield Road and part of Windsor Road	Maintained by TW	Easily accessed		
Dedicated youth areas	Recreation Ground, Vicarage Road	PPC	Youth shelter			Removed and written off following vandalism	Consider replacement youth shelter installation once play space/skate park/muga installed
Recreation/dedicated play space	Recreation Ground, Vicarage Road	PPC as charity trustees	Large open access recreation ground, utilised by local football clubs and cricket club as well as dog walkers, families etc with numerous benches surrounding Registered charity. Registered Village Green.	Surveyed weekly Maintenance carried out as necessary Cricket & football pitches maintained by groundsman Trees surveyed as per risk assessment	Located in heart of village with easy, flat access from all directions. Situated next to Memorial Hall and childrens equipped play area.		
	Windsor Road	BC	Open play area to kick-about, picnic, play games etc Small area equipped with hop-scotch and alphabet snake plus seating	Transferred from TW to BC	Flat access from road, path or cyclepath		
	Hever Close	TW but will transfer to BC	Large open play area to kick-about, picnic, play games etc Bordered by shrubs and trees, used for hide-n-seek and games etc	Currently maintained by TW but will transfer to BC	Accessed from the end of Hever Close where you need to climb the grass bank Located next to the equipped play area 2015 - goal installed		
Unequipped open areas, but potentially used for play	Yardley Avenue	VAHT	Grassed area by garage block, used for ball games etc	Maintained by VAHT	Flat access from garage area and alley way		
	Yardley Avenue	VAHT	Very small grass area at end of Yardley Avenue hammer head No ball games allowed, but children play there	Maintained by VAHT	Accessed off road/path		
	Crispin Field	BC/Anglian Water	Grassed balancing pond (used for play as nearly always dry) edged by trees (used for climbing/swinging)	Maintained by BC	Located at far end of Crispin Field and accessed via road or alley way		

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	Glebe Close	VAHT	Two grassed areas at the start of Glebe Close with no ball games allowed, but used for play. surrounding low walls to both, used for seating.	Maintained by VAHT	Located at start of Glebe Close, good visibility and easy, flat access VAHT converted part of both areas to residents parking in 2013		
	The Pightle	BC	Thin grassed area (used for play), bordered by trees (used for hide-n-seek, dens, conkering etc)	Maintained by BC	Located where The Pightle borders the bark chip path running the length of Castlemead. Easy, flat access off end of road, via private road or from footpath out of Castle Close		
	Bark path through Castlemead	TW but will transfer to BC	Footpath through narrow woods. Evidence of dens, rope swings in the trees etc. Used for hide-n-seek, conkering etc.	Maintained by TW	Access via Windsor Road, The Pightle or Hever Close only. No other access points. Uneven surface.		
	Quarry 1	TW	Large dis-used quarry now a local wildlife site with footpath across the centre, trees and shrubs  Utilised by dog walkers, families for flying kites, kick-about, picnics	Owned by TW, leased to tenant farmer	Located off Westfield Road at end of Castlemead Estate. Some informal paths. One dedicated path. Also accessed via footpath from Church Road.  Poor disabled access. Dog bin installed by maintenance gates 2020/21/ Good visibility from Westfield Road to most areas.		Seek to ensure area is kept as public open space as very important local amenity  Investigating signage to raise awareness
	The pavilion	PPC	Area to the front of the building is open space with grass, trees etc and gravel/tarmac car parks	Maintained by PPC Trees surveyed	Edge of village location, open pedestrian access off Lower Icknield Way via gate onto gravel	Car parking and layout improved and modified as part of redevelopment.	
	Local Green Space by The Crescent	PPC	Grassed area with bench in centre, trees and bulbs	Inspected weekly Trees surveyed regularly	Open access from Cheddington Road, gate part way along onto Lower Icknield Way Purchased from BCC in June 2018 Designated as Local Green Space in the NDP 2016  Installed DDA kissing gate at far end, repaired fencing, installed 2 x additional benches and planted daffodils in 2019	Ongoing repairs to fence	Monitor fence
Areas not used for play	Yardley Avenue	VAHT	Garden behind Yardley Lounge	Maintained by VAHT	Located behind the lounge, accessed via alley-way. Surrounded by back-gardens from properties. Currently kept locked.		VAHT currently have no plans to re-open this area
	Balancing Pond, Lower Icknield Way	TW selling to Network Rail	A large balancing pond located next to the sports pavilion, with the Lower Icknield Way to the front and the railway line to the rear. Access across by the railway to their maintenance facility & AW to balancing pond.	Owned and maintained by Network Rail	n/a		
Street scenes that are currently used for play purposes	Lower Icknield Way/Marsworth Rd between Westfield Rd and Roundabout	BC	Wide, flat pathway used by skateboarders, roller bladers, cyclists etc. Wide grass verge with numerous items of street furniture & bus shelter (used for seating/chatting).	Maintained as joint cycle/footpath by BC	Accessed via Westfield Road or roundabout Easy, flat access and good visibility		See above comments re skate park
	Marsworth Road	BC	Pathway outside Masons shop, used as a gathering point No provisions for seating etc	Maintained as footpath by BC	Good visibility, heart of village Easy access on foot or car		
Organised activities	Recreation Ground	PPC	PPC fund Play around the Parishes etc	n/a	see above	Sessions cancelled due to Covid	Sessions booked for 2021
	The Pavilion	PPC	Youth Café funded and managed by PPC Weekly activities for secondary school aged children.	Equipment owned & maintained by PPC Qualified youth worker contracted to run	Foot & cycle path access. Disabled access. On site parking & drop off.		
There are numerous other clubs and activities available within the village or the neighbouring village of Ivinghoe such as: scouts, guides, football, cricket, ballet, tap dancing, music & movement etc							