

Inspection Report, Willoughby Playground, June 2026

Fresh observations and previously reported actions are shown in bold

1. Kiss gates:

Village Hall kiss gate remains locked to prevent access via Village Hall garden.

No risk.

The metal kiss gate next to the main entrance gate has hoops in a horizontal semi-circular shape forming the left side. One of these was observed as having come adrift at one end, having popped out of the metal upright. It has been re-positioned, but should be checked.

Wooden Gate onto football area has a new hanging post.

No risk

2. Litter Bins:

Have been emptied recently and all sound. (Thank you)

No risk.

3. Benches:

There is some slight splintering.

No risk

4. Multi Swings:

No issues

No risk

5. Football Posts:

All sound but showing wear and tear. Repairs have been made to one where breaks had occurred in the metal frame. Nets have some damage. This playground item has limited lifespan.

No risk

6. Carousel:

No issues but **in need of repainting .**

Quotation has been received: £200 per section, approx., floor, seats, safety bars. £600 total.

Council have decided to postpone this work

No risk

7. Climbing Frame:

No issues detected

No risk

8. Igloo:

Sound

No risk

9. Elephant:

Sound

No risk

10. Climbing Frame / Slides apparatus x 2:

Recently cleaned, but already accumulating some dirt. There is a climbing hold missing from the climber nearest village hall. **The bolt hole has been capped off.**

Low risk

11. Basketball court:

Recent repairs made to surface and the frame. Sound

No risk

12. Shelter:

Wooden structure in good order. Slabs to the outside are uneven and could represent some trip risk. This has been discussed and should be kept under review.

Low risk

13. Fence:

The wooden fence belonging to The Rose Inn, bordering the playing field, needs some repair. There is at least one post / 2 panels which are leaning into the field and therefore represent some low risk to playground users. **Two posts have been put up on the playground side at an angle to prop the fence. Owners of the property have been asked to effect repairs but have raised the question as to whom owns the fence. This remains unanswered.**

Repairs have been made by the owner.

No risk

14. Environment

Grass is short and the surface level. Slight mole activity. Hedges were cut in the autumn.

Correction; the hedges were not cut in the Autumn. Due to the nesting season, no cutting can now take place until next Autumn. The contractor has been asked to book this into his schedule.

No Risk