

Dashwood Playpark

Our enhanced Village Playpark has now been open since September 2015 and remains a valuable asset for the Village. It is lovely to see children, both from surrounding areas and our Village, enjoying the facility.

We are required to have an annual Health & Safety Inspection and recently these have highlighted a number of issues that require attention, including "top up" of the safety bark and replacement of swings and fixtures. This was not totally unexpected in view of the time the Playpark has been open and we have spent very little on the upkeep. We have also had an attack from moles who are also enjoying the facility as much as the children and we have had to employ the services of a mole catcher to eradicate their attention.

Having dealt with all these current maintenance issues we now only have £697.47 in our playpark account which is "ring fenced" for future requirements. We suspect that in the next couple of years we will need to replace the main wooden supports of the climbing frames, due to damp. This will not be a cheap option but if we wish to retain this valuable asset then we will need the support of the village in fund raising for this eventuality.

West Northants Council (WNA) has agreed to implement double yellow lines to deter parking on the corner of Queens Street/Clarks Lane. We are just waiting for them to confirm a date for this work to be undertaken.

We appreciate that the family dog is happy to join with the children in the Playpark. Dogs are not permitted in the Playpark and we would therefore request that dogs are kept out of the Playpark, for the safety of children. Finally, we would ask adults to respect the Playpark equipment. We recognise that adults enjoy the opportunity to revisit their childhood, but the swings and climbing frames are not built to withstand adult attention. Please do not use the equipment.

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