

Health and Safety Report – P&R Committee October 2021

Accidents and Near Misses

Nothing to report

Visits and Inspections

Quarterly Lift Service	Watermark
Annual Play Area Inspection	Victoria Park

Parks

Butterpark

The Parks team have reported evidence of public still gaining access to the Butterpark site. An extra Heras fencing panel plus chains and padlocks have been organised and additional signage informing that the site is being patrolled.

Victoria Park

Oil Spillage

An external event took place in Victoria Park on Sunday 20 September. A vehicle in the park associated with the event reversed into a rock which penetrated the oil sump. As a consequence of this there was an oil spillage across the park as the car drove off. There was a concern that the oil contamination may require a professional clean-up, and the event organisers were requested to notify their insurers in case this was required once fully assessed. The Town Clerk has inspected the site and the parks team have covered the line of oil with sand and marked it with barrier tape. The sand will be removed in due course and it is anticipated that this will be sufficient action to remedy the oil spillage.

Play Equipment

The annual play area inspection in Victoria Park was performed on 9 September and has highlighted some defects.

- The metal frames fixing plates on both swings need repainting which can be undertaken by the Parks team.
- The roundabout has insufficient clearance due to sloping of the site and may need replacing in the future.
- The playing frame needs red paint to touch up worn areas which the Parks team can action. The seat rotator post has an upper bearing missing, and the seat rotator bottom bearing has excessive play. These will need repairing by an external contractor.
- Both the gates need attention, one needs a new latch and self-closing spring, the other needs replacing altogether and a new self-closing spring / gate furniture.

- A hard standing is needed either side of gate to prevent ground wear and trip hazards and can be done as a volunteer task.

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