

Ball Grove Playground Annual Inspection Findings- September 2026.

Key: Green – very low/low risk, Amber – Medium risk

Area	Issues Identified	Recommended Action
Playground	Molehills- Flatten & remove moles.	Monitor
	Surface edges lifting with gaps above 30mm- repair	Monitor
	Trip hazards- remove	Remove
	Algae/silt/moss on surface- clean to remove slip hazard	Monitor – power washing recommended
	Missing slabs- replace	Monitor
	Body of water/lake - requires risk assessment. Contact the RLSS (Royal Life Saving Society) at www.rlss.org.uk	Water Safety Boards received – waiting confirmation for fitting from Lancs Fire and Rescue
Self -closing gate	Gate closing too quickly- adjust speed of closing & rebound. Uneven area beneath gate- Reinststate to level.	Monitor Monitor
Bow top fence	Monitor Condition- Secure loose fixings, remove cable ties, treat corrosive areas & paint.	Monitor
Signage	Ball grove park sign- Requires address	Do when signs are replaced
Bench	Concrete area under blue benches- Remove trip hazard from uneven surface	Monitor
Picnic table	Picnic table damaged- Repair and monitor	Monitor
Litter bin	Litter bin door/ lid unsecure- Keep lid locked.	Monitor
Maintenance Gate	Gate locked not assessed- Ensure 12 mm gaps throughout range of motion & free form leaves.	Ask PBC to monitor
Single point swing	Swing fixings not visual >2.5m Assess condition, security & wear as / manufactures recommendation. Surface damaged- repair Chair openings in excess of recommended- monitor Bolt caps missing- replace Connecting lugs wearing- monitor & replace when required Chain links excessively worn- replace	Works being undertaken on this equipment by PBC
Cable Runway	Runway cable, suspension and fixing points inspected visually only- Thorough inspection recommended as/ manufacturers recommendation. (S M P Playgrounds Ltd)	Monitor

	Seat Connection- requires dismantling for inspection Seat suspension cover damaged- monitor/ replace when needed. Seat is less than 2.0m from the post when extended at 45 degrees- adjust cable stop position to meet required minimum distance Trip hazards present- remove Moderate surface damage- repair Missing fixings- replace Damper springs & buffer taped- monitor The cable is under-tensioned/ sagging- re-tension cable Paintwork damaged, metal corroding- Repair & repaint Trip hazard at edge of surfaces- remove trip hazards & repair damaged areas.	Monitor Monitor Monitor Monitor Monitor Monitor Monitor Monitor Monitor
Low Rotator	Low rotator fails to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1 4.2.7.2 for head and neck entrapment. Paintwork damaged, metal corroding- Repair & repaint	Met standards when installed Monitor
Low rotator- green swirl	Low rotator damaged- Monitor & replace as required.	Monitor
Multi play (jnr)	Minor surface damage- Monitor & repair as required Bolt cap cover missing- Replace. Bolt threads projecting- remove excess, deburr & cap. Graffiti present- remove. Toggle entrapments- no action Entrapment of fingers - Replace the cover to remove entrapment	Monitor Monitor Monitor Monitor No Action required Monitor
Spring Camel & Donkey	No work required	
1 bay -2 seat swings	Swing seat connections loose- Tighten Chain links excessive wear- replace. Chain wear & shackles notable wear- Monitor, replace at 40% worn. Bushes worn/ missing- replace Moderate surface damage- repair required.	Carry out repairs required
1 bay- 2 seat cradle swings	Chain openings noted >8.6mm No action	No Action required

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Spinning pole	The bearing and paintwork worn- to be monitored & repaired as required.	Monitor and repair as required
Multi Play (Junior)	Finger entrapments in the wall- Monitor Bolt cap covers missing/ damaged- replace Fixings above 2.5m, not viewed- maintenance inspection as/ manufacturers recommendation. Requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1 4.2.7.2 for head and neck entrapment in the framework failed. No action, to monitor. Dents in the slide surface- Monitor deterioration & repair as required.	Monitor Replace Met standards when installed Monitor
Spring Pig	Foundations loose- Monitor further deterioration & repair.	Monitor
Activity Trail	Loose fill surface is compacted- Rake & fork to aerate surface. Timber has a number of splits- monitor & sand down Paintwork damaged exposing metal work- Treat affected areas & repaint	Monitor Monitor and repair as required Monitor and repair as required
Multi Play (Junior)	Projecting bolt threads- remove excess, deburr/ provide cap. Bolt cap covers missing/ damaged- Replace Algae/ moss on equipment surface- clean & treat	Remove Replace Monitor – power washing recommended
Ancillary- site general, trip hazards.	Molehills within the area- Remove & reinstate level area. Surface lifting at edges of play areas- Repair surface perimeters Surface gaps between Play areas and edgings above 30 mm- repair	Monitor Monitor Monitor and repair as required
Ancillary site- slip hazards	Moss growth on surface- Clean & Treat	Monitor – power washing recommended
Ancillary- playground surround	Missing slabs under railings- Consider replacement	Repair?