MAINTENANCE REPORT - March 2021

Calcot:

Wooden Train in play area -

West Berkshire Council forwarded to the Clerk details of two residents reporting vandalism at the Calcot recreation ground play area. Upon checking, it was discovered that the large wooden train had been pushed over onto it's side, in the process breaking and splintering the retaining posts.

The parish maintenance officer, with some help, managed to get the train upright with considerable effort as it is very heavy.

The intention was to move it to the hall, make the area safe, then repair it. However, because of the weight they were unable to move it any distance, so had to leave it in the play area and wrap safety tape around it until it could be repaired.

Mark purchased new wood and bolts in order to carry out repairs.







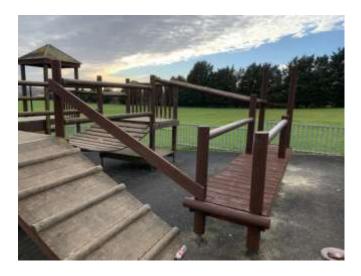


Large wooden climbing frame in play area:

During the last inspection by ROSPA, it was indentified that the suspension bridge was high risk due to potential entrapment of feet/fingers. They also ascertained that some of the wood was rotted and chains worn. The bridge was replaced by a solid walkway.







New Salt Bin:

A request was received for a new salt bin at The Knoll as the existing one wasn't large enough. Mark replaced the existing bin with one that is twice the size. The new bin was in our store, therefore no cost was involved, and West Berkshire Council confirmed that their existing licence would cover the new bin as it would be in the same position.





Turnhams Farm Changing Rooms:

The football team that uses the changing rooms at Turnhams Farm recreation ground reported that the showers would not turn off after being used. The parish maintenance officer checked and ascertained that the push buttons were not 'popping out' in order to stop the flow of water.

Mark took apart the mechanisms for each shower, descaled and greased them, and put them back together.

In the past, this job would have been carried out by one of our contractors.



