

Annual report on condition of property**1) Carlton Green**

Glebe Farm Green: additional land fronting Glebe Farm acquired 2009; edges kerbed; spring piped jointly with LCC Highways; land levelled with donated topsoil and cultivated 2010/11. Grass seed sown 2011 but germination patchy due to dry weather. Private drive to Stud Farm concreted by residents 2010. Registered as new village green Oct 2010 by LCC (register unit VG99).

West Green: northern edge kerbed, levelled up with donated topsoil and seeded 2010. New grass now well established and incorporated into mowing schedule. Bluebells now well established.

East Green: damage next to drive to 3-9 Main St caused by residents and visitors and by lorries turning; kerbs need re-setting; dropped kerbs also needed. Violets have seeded into the grass and are spreading.

2) Little Lane

Footpath very well used. Neighbour's hedge planted along E side establishing well. South end of path levelled up to new kerbs 2010. 4 new trees planted 2010 growing on well. Tall branch of dead elm tree needs felling; stump to be left for wildlife. Geocache installed December 2007 is maintained by volunteers and continues to attract visitors.

3) Cemetery

Regulations changed 2007: new headstones to be of monolith type. Fence moved back Dec 2010; would benefit from strengthening with additional posts. New grave plots need marking out. Grass in former paddock area mowing down well; sunken areas to south and west of path require levelling up with spoil as new graves are dug. Graves dug in 2010 will require levelling up later in year; topsoil to be moved from churchyard bank; storage site for topsoil reserve to be made in SW corner of plot. Memorial survey identified one granite plinth in need of levelling.

4) Churchyard

Overflow pipe for water butt to be installed. Back of retaining wall along Main St to be exposed to allow examination of pointing to see whether repair is necessary. Bird boxes installed 2005; three from trees awaiting repair; sparrow boxes had rotted and were removed 2011.

Brambles to be removed from shrubs next to Stone House Farm, and shrubs trimmed or converted to standard trees. Existing drains at east end of church building to be investigated and 2 memorial yew trees killed by waterlogging to be replaced. Horse chestnut tree inspected 2008; next inspection due in May 2011 when in flower. Memorial survey identified one granite plinth in need of levelling.

5) Bus shelters

Both shelters creosoted October 2008 and in good condition. Barton Rd shelter roof re-felted November 2008.

6) Parish Information Kiosk

Refurbished and community defibrillator installed 2010. Defibrillator managed by Carlton Defibrillator Group under written agreement.

7) Parish seats and benches

Steel seats on E Green and in churchyard last painted 1998 and need repainting. Seat at E end of Main St repaired 2008 and in good condition. Rustic wooden bench seats at Harry's Grave and in Little Lane need treating with preservative.

8) Parish notice board

Renewed in 1989; repainted 2003; in reasonable condition.

9) Parish Council's gates and stiles

Kissing gate at NE corner churchyard in good condition. Steel kissing gate at S end cemetery path in excellent condition; wooden kissing gate at N end Little Lane in good condition.

10) Parish mile post

Old repair cracking and showing rust; parishioner had volunteered to examine and weld if appropriate, but work still not carried out.

11. Millennium avenues

The condition of the Millennium Trees was reviewed in May 2008 (p.1208-9/14j), and before that in June 2003 (p.901/2g). 2 hedgerow trees on Nailstone Rd crown raised May 2010 to avoid highway obstruction.

12. Millennium notice board

Installed on verge at N end Shackerstone Walk in Feb 2000; in good condition. Overhanging hedge cut back 2009.

13. Jubilee sign

Installed on highway verge under licence agreement with LCC on 25th May 2002; unveiled 3rd June 2002. In excellent condition.

14. Statement of tenancies

That part of the Cemetery Field which was not in use for burials was rented on an annual agreement for £1.00 pa plus the cutting of the boundary hedges.

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