

Annual report on condition of property

1) Carlton Greens

Glebe Farm Green: in good condition. Mulberry tree promised by neighbour, but not yet planted. Displaced kerbstone needs re-setting.

West Green: in good condition. Water pipe laid April 2012 – grass now fully reinstated.

East Green: damage next to drive to 3-9 Main St caused by residents and visitors and by lorries turning – consider kerbing edges to grass; footway kerbs need re-setting; dropped kerbs also needed to footway. Grass needs cutting back from footway edgings. Violets seeded into grass continue to spread. Molehills appearing.

2) Little Lane

Footpath very well used; new trees growing on well; overhanging branches cut back 2013. Tall branch of dead elm tree needs felling – part broke off during heavy snow 2013- but cannot be safely reached from ladder; stump to be left for wildlife. Brambles at northern end to be treated with weedkiller. Geocache installed December 2007 is maintained by volunteers and continues to attract users.

3) Cemetery

Fence in good condition. New grave plots need marking out. Sunken areas to south and west of path to be levelled up with spoil as new graves are dug. All graves dug in 2012 levelled up and grass seed sown Sept 2012.

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. Retaining wall to west of gate has slight bulge – to be monitored. Three bird boxes installed 2005 removed and awaiting repair.

Brambles removed from shrubs next to Stone House Farm, and shrubs trimmed 2012. 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 2011 and crown reduced. Next inspection due autumn 2013. Two *leylandii* trees removed autumn 2012. *Viburnum* near church door to be cut hard back after flowering spring 2013.

5) Bus shelters

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

6) Parish Information Kiosk

Kiosk refurbished and in good condition. Community defibrillator installed 2010 – 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 have been repaired.

8) Parish notice board

Renewed in 1989; repainted 2003; in reasonable condition but beginning to rot along edges and joints and will need replacement.

9) Parish Council's gates and stiles

Kissing gate at NE corner churchyard in good condition. Steel kissing gate at south end of cemetery path in excellent condition; wooden kissing gate at north end of 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. Millennium trees on Barton Rd tagged and crowns raised, and all hedges next to trees trimmed spring 2013.

12. Millennium notice board

Installed on verge at N end Shackerstone Walk in Feb 2000; in good condition. Overhanging hedge cut back and sign cleaned May 2012.

13. Jubilee sign

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

14. Jubilee tree

Quercus petraea planted June 2012 on verge near Main St / Barton Rd junction and watered through 2012. To be inspected 2013; stakes to be removed summer 2014.

15. Carlton Diamond Jubilee Orchard

To be created 2012-2015 on land between Barton Rd and Nailstone Rd by Carlton Gardening Group. Site cleared and northern hedge and one tree planted April 2013; 4 trees in storage pending ground-breaking ceremony – to be planted June 2013. Land to be acquired by PC March/April 2014.

16. 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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