

Annual report on condition of property

1) Carlton Greens

Glebe Farm Green: in good condition. Displaced kerbstone has been re-set.

West Green: in good condition. One stem of coppiced ash tree removed March 2014; additional stem overhanging grass to north should probably be removed in a few years' time.

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. Molehills very numerous in March 2014 – mole catcher engaged. Seat needs cleaning up and re-painting.

2) Little Lane

Footpath very well used; new rowan and crab apple trees growing on well; some overhanging branches cut back 2013; more cutting back of overshadowing branches required over summer. Tall branch of dead elm tree blew down in gales; stump and logs left for wildlife. Brambles spot treated with Roundup April 2014. Geocache logbook continues to attract one entry a month.

3) Cemetery

Fence in good condition. New grave plots all marked out. Sunken areas to south and west of path to be levelled up with spoil as new graves are dug. All graves dug in 2013 need further levelling up and seeding.

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 2014 – report awaited. Next inspection due autumn 2017/8. *Viburnum* near church door cut back to ground in 2013 – needs to be kept trimmed. Copper beech to S of church needs one large branch removing to raise crown.

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 cleaning and repainting. Leicester Mercury seat at E end of Main St repaired 2008 and in good condition; raised by 3" 2013 so as to be suitable for use by older parishioners. Rustic wooden bench seats at Harry's Grave and in Little Lane repaired 2013 and in good condition.

8) Parish notice board

Renewed in 1989; repainted 2003; is usable but in poor condition. Inspect 2014 and consider 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 April 2014.

13. Golden Jubilee sign

Installed on highway verge under licence agreement with LCC on 25th May 2002; unveiled 3rd June 2002. Post in good condition, with small area of rot in softwood near cap; varnish peeling and to be stripped off and wood oiled late summer 2014.

14. Diamond Jubilee tree

Quercus petraea planted June 2012 on verge near Main St / Barton Rd junction. Now healthy and growing on well: to be inspected autumn 2014 with a view to removing stakes. May need mower guard.

15. Carlton Diamond Jubilee Orchard

To be created 2012-2015 on land between Barton Rd and Nailstone Rd by Carlton Gardening Group. Northern hedge and one tree planted April 2013; 4 trees planted June 2013; 2 further trees and gaps in hedge planted March 2014. Site levelled with topsoil, gate and fencing erected, PC parking bay constructed, reptile and amphibian refuges created and hedgehog boxes installed April 2014. Land to be acquired by PC May/June 2014. Self-set holly plants from village gardens to be transplanted into hedges as soon as security fencing is removed.

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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