

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

**Glebe Farm Green:** in good condition.

**West Green:** in good condition. Stems of coppiced ash tree overhanging grass to north removed in 2015. Area damaged by articulated lorry now restored. Stop tap covers have been re-set by residents.

**East Green:** Grass needs cutting back from footway edgings. Seat re-painted 2015. Replacement litter bin awaiting installation. East Green Kerbing Project planned for 2016, subject to grant approval, to include conservation kerbing edges to grass; replacement footway kerbs; new dropped kerbs; ACO drain; surfacing of access drives by residents.

**2) Little Lane**

Footpath very well used; new rowan and crab apple trees growing on well; overhanging branches of bird cherries on west side of path cut back April 2015. New close boarded fence along part of west side erected by adjacent landowner – weed treatment may be needed along base. Brambles near northern end of path spot treated with Roundup April 2014 and most have died back – repeat treatment required to eliminate remaining roots. Holly (which is not affected by Roundup) is now growing on well without the competition from the brambles. New hedge along east side (planted and managed by adjacent landowner) growing on well. Further dumping of contents of large plant pots in 2016. Geocache logbook continues to attract one entry a month on average.

**3) Cemetery**

Fence in good condition. Sunken areas to south and west of path to be levelled up with spoil as new graves are dug. Several recent graves need further levelling up and seeding; heap of spoil needs levelling out and seeding; some spoil and rubbish has been dumped on the topsoil store and needs clearing off; timber in hand for rebuilding of topsoil store.

**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. Soil is eroding from beneath kerbed graves at side of path from Main St to church door; consider construction of retaining wall from gate to Townson grave and reducing batter of bank from Townson grave to church when services are laid for proposed kitchen and wc.

Brambles removed from shrubs next to Stone House Farm, and shrubs trimmed 2015. Existing drains at east end of church building to be investigated and 2 memorial yew trees killed by waterlogging to be replaced. *Viburnum* near church door cut hard back 2015. Rowan near telephone kiosk is diseased and needs checking, but holes in trunk and branches are good for wildlife and should be retained if possible. Copper beech in good condition; wounds from crown raising healing well.

**5) Bus shelters**

Both shelters creosoted October 2008 and in good condition. Barton Rd shelter roof re-felted November 2008. Bosworth Rd shelter re-felted 2015.

**6) Parish Information Kiosk**

Kiosk needs re-painting. 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 re-painted 2015. 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. New park bench seat and picnic table installed in Diamond Jubilee Orchard April 2015; consider timber treatment.

**8) Parish notice board**

Replaced 2015; to be given additional coat of varnish 2016.

**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 has been asked about making new repair.

**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 2015.

**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 stripped off and post treated with tung oil 2015; frost damaged ceramic panel replaced 2015.

**14. Diamond Jubilee tree**

*Quercus petraea* planted June 2012 on verge near Main St / Barton Rd junction. Healthy and growing on well; stakes removed and mower guard installed 2014. Latter must be monitored as tree grows and removed before it cuts into the trunk.

**15. Carlton Diamond Jubilee Orchard**

Site acquired July 2014 and managed by the Carlton Gardening Group, landscaping completed Nov 2015; wildflower meadow to be cut for first time July 2016, clippings removed by CGG, then mowed by contractor. All trees and shrubs growing well; spring bulbs establishing well; woodland plants and ferns now beginning to grow on.

**16. Toddlers Play Area**

Play equipment installed June 2015; subject to weekly inspection.

**17. 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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