

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. Stop tap covers have been re-set by residents.

East Green: Grass needs cutting back from footway edgings. Seat re-painted 2015. New litter bin, conservation kerbing and ACO and underground drains installed 2016.

2) Little Lane

Footpath very well used; new wearing surface laid 2017. 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. Isolated brambles near northern end of path require spot treated with herbicide. Holly bushes are now growing on well without the competition from the brambles and may need trimming in 2017. New hedge along east side (planted and managed by adjacent landowner) growing on well. New hedge excluded mature ash tree just over half way down and holly and hawthorn trees at northern end – latter blew down 2017 and brash requires clearance. Geocache logbook continues to attract one entry a month on average.

3) Cemetery

Fence in good condition, sunken areas levelled up, shrubs cut back, spoil heap levelled and seeded, brambles attacked and topsoil store constructed 2016. Bramble shoots will require treatment with herbicide, and shrubs need to be examined 2017. Part of southern hedge scheduled to be layered winter 2017, subject to grant approval.

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. Tall Austrian (?) pine appears to be in good condition – no signs of disease or mounding or movement at base of trunk. 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. Bus services withdrawn 2017.

6) Parish Information Kiosk

Kiosk scheduled for re-painting 2017, subject to grant approval. 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; treated with tung oil 2016; this to be repeated 2017.

8) Parish notice board

Replaced 2015; to be given additional coat of varnish 2017.

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; mower guard removed 2016.

15. Carlton Diamond Jubilee Orchard

Site acquired July 2014 and managed by the Carlton Gardening Group, landscaping completed Nov 2015; wildflower meadow cut for first time July 2016 after rank growth. All trees and shrubs growing well; all shrub tubes and some tree stakes removed 2017; spring bulbs establishing well; woodland plants and ferns now beginning to grow on; major work is now weeding woodland areas until shade develops. Nailstone Rd reptile & amphibian refuge needs rebuilding. Final wearing surface scheduled to be laid on path 2017.

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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