

In August 2016 we received the latest report from the village playgrounds safety report. The current park was installed 20 years ago and has been enjoyed by many families throughout its time. The report shows that the park is showing signs of decaying materials and as such is starting to cost more money to replace, in the long run it will work out more cost effective to re-do the park in its entirety.

The main points made from the latest RoSPA report are:

- Evidence of rot in many posts, both on the perimeter fencing and on play equipment
- Concrete is exposed in 'fall/impact areas
- Safe Surfacing needs extending to comply with safety standards
- Current surfacing has become compacted/displaced
- Chain wear on swings
- Some missing parts on role play equipment

The park is still enjoyed daily by many families from both inside and out of the parish. Additionally, the age range of children using the park has widened out and therefore it'd be nice to find some play equipment to appeal to all of its users.

As conversations started to happen there were many suggestions about what parents and children alike would like to see. As a side-line to the park itself the idea of an outdoor gym for the village cropped up several times.

At the start of the year a questionnaire was sent out to all the families from Puttenham School, emails circulated amongst village families and an online survey posted to the Puttenham Community Facebook page. To date, there have been 43 respondents.