

EASTON PLAYING FIELD REPORT - 2022-2023

There has not been any replacement or repair of play equipment on the playing field during the last year.

The saplings planted in 2014 on the village road front of the playing field opposite Grange Croft by Mike Baker and Steve Thomason are now well established and growing into a natural hedgerow. The selection of fruit trees on the playing field side of the hawthorn hedging have also continued to mature having survived the lengthy period of drought conditions in 2022. The additional hawthorn saplings planted at the corner of the playing field opposite Crown Cottage in 2021 are beginning to grow; however, a few saplings might require replacing, as they might not have survived last year's summer drought.

During the course of this year, we will top up the play area with play bark and replace or repair parts of the play area's wood surround. The damage to the tables will also be repaired and the replacement of the goal posts with suitable netted goal posts will be considered.

My thanks to Richard Burton for ensuring that the perimeter hedging was cut back.

You are all reminded that dogs are not permitted on the playing field and that the bin on the playing field is not for 'dog poo' bags.

The playing field continues to provide a leisure facility for the benefit of the village, as well as a venue for the hosting of outdoor village events and a parking facility for major events in St Peter's Church. We are all looking forward to a major event on Monday 8th May in the form of a Coronation Celebration to mark the Coronation of King Charles III, including village games, music and a bouncy castle.

Kind regards,

Clive Wood