

Hertingfordbury Parish Council Greens Crossings Standards

Introduction:

This document provides a definition of 'Recreational Standard' for Village Greens and Village Green Crossings. Further detail on how the Parish Council manages its responsibilities should be read in conjunction with the Dec 2015 Village Green Management policies.

Definition of Recreational Standard:

The Parish Council perform annual risk assessments of all its greens and crossings, however any users of a Village Greens and crossings for their intended recreational purpose accept that they do so at their own risk. Users of Village Greens and Crossings shall accept that it is not possible to remove inherent tripping or rolling risk from such areas.

a. Village Greens:

Ensuring the maintenance of Village Greens to a condition that is fit for recreational purposes is the responsibility of the Parish Council. Surfacing is predominantly of Grass, Soil, Trees, Tree Stumps and associated flora and fauna mounds and depressions. Planned Maintenance of grass cutting and tree pruning is laid out in the Hertingfordbury Parish Council annual work programmes.

b. Village Green Crossings:

Ensuring the maintenance of crossings to a condition that is fit for recreational purposes is the responsibility of the Parish Council. Depressions or raised mounds may be tolerated providing they are gradual sided and not shear sided. Due to their erratic formation in nature, it is not possible to specify the minimum or maximum surface area, nor height and depth for mounds or depressions.

What is acceptable or unacceptable for recreational purposes is therefore a judgement during inspections and is at the discretion of the Parish Council.

Surfacing is predominantly of smooth tumbled 'golden' gravel and chippings of not less than 10mm and not more than 20mm in size or else a suitable hoggin or compactible material. Alternative surfaces such as tarmac or cement based materials must be agreed by the Parish Council prior to any work being undertaken. Flint or tile chipping mixes will not be acceptable.

The crossing width should not exceed 2.4 meters with permissible width increase at the bell mouth entrance of up to 3.6m over a distance of not more than 1m.

Surfacing material should be laid so as to not migrate from its intended surface and so obstruct mowing or blocking of soak-a-ways, drains or ditches.

This was adopted by the Council at its meeting on 13th March 2019.