

SADBERGE PARISH COUNCIL

INSPECTION CHECKLIST

This is the checklist for the inspection of land and property owned by Sadberge Parish Council.

Date	8th July 2008
Inspection carried out by	Councillors Best, Brown, Glew, Heywood, Scaife, Schott and Vickers. Alastair Mackenzie, Clerk to the Council. Also present: Phil Haynes, Senior Arboricultural Officer, Darlington Borough Council

1. VILLAGE GREEN – MAIN PART	Okay	Problem	Urgent	Note number
Condition of the land	✓			
Trees		✓		Notes 1, 2.
Fencing	✓			
Plaque	✓			
Benches beside the bus shelter		✓		Note 11.
Flag pole	✓			
Planters beside Hill House Lane	✓			
Any other issues				

2. VILLAGE GREEN AT SPRING GARTH	Okay	Problem	Urgent	Note number
Condition of the land	✓			
Trees	✓			
Ditch / stream	✓			
Any other issues		✓		Note 3.

3. TRIANGLE OF VILLAGE GREEN AT THE SOUTH END OF CHAPEL ROW	Okay	Problem	Urgent	Note number
Condition of the land	✓			
Bollards	✓			
Any other issues				

4. SECTION OF VILLAGE GREEN IN FRONT OF THE POST OFFICE	Okay	Problem	Urgent	Note number
Condition of the land	✓			
Cherry tree		✓		Note 1.
Bollards	✓			
Any other issues				

5. PARISH COUNCIL LAND SOUTH OF GALLINAS	Okay	Problem	Urgent	Note number
Condition of the land	✓			
Trees		✓		Notes 4, 5.
Any other issues	✓			

6. SECTION OF VILLAGE GREEN ON THE EAST SIDE OF MIDDLETON ROAD (in front of Mayfield House)	Okay	Problem	Urgent	Note number
Condition of the land	✓			
Cherry trees		✓		Notes 1, 6.
"No Parking" sign in front of Mayfield House	✓			
Bench in front of Mayfield House South		✓		Note 11.
Any other issues		✓		Note 7.

7. VILLAGE GREEN – ON THE WEST SIDE OF MIDDLETON ROAD (in front of Tithe House)	Okay	Problem	Urgent	Note number
Condition of the land	✓			
Trees		✓		Note 8.
Bench near the phone box		✓		Note 11.
Any other issues				

8. VILLAGE GREEN – TRIANGLE ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF DARLINGTON ROAD	Okay	Problem	Urgent	Note number
Condition of the land	✓			
Tree		✓		Note 9.
Jubilee Stone	✓			
Bench on the north edge of the triangle	✓			
Bench around the central tree	✓			
Any other issues	✓			

9. VILLAGE GREEN AT HAMPASS	Okay	Problem	Urgent	Note number
Condition of the land	✓			
Trees	✓			
Any other issues				

10. SMALL PATCH OF OPEN LAND ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF DARLINGTON ROAD BESIDE ROSE COTTAGE	Okay	Problem	Urgent	Note number
Condition of the land	✓			
Any other issues				

11. OTHER BENCHES	Okay	Problem	Urgent	Note number
Bench on Darlington Road near Beacon Hill				Note 11.
Bench on Darlington Road near the Village Hall		✓		
Bench on Middleton Road near the A66 underpass				
Bench at the Newton Grange lay-by				

12. MISCELLANEOUS	Okay	Problem	Urgent	Note number
Beacon				
Tree on the north side of Darlington Road near the village hall		✓		Note 12.

Note 1: Suckers need to be removed from the lower parts of trees in several locations.

Note 2: The four trees along the eastern edge of the main section of the village green need some pruning work. From north to south:-

- Lift the crown to 5.3m above the road.
- Remove dead wood.
- Lift the crown clear of the tractor sign.
- Lift the crown to 5.3m above the road.

Note 3: The conifers at the east side of the village green at Spring Garth may need to be pruned to keep them in compliance with the High Hedge Act.

Note from the Clerk: The High Hedge Act applies to hedges that (a) are above 2.0 metres (6'6") in height, (b) are made up of two or more evergreen (conifer) or semi-evergreen trees or shrubs in a line and (c) adversely affect the reasonable enjoyment of someone's home or garden.

Note 4: The chestnut tree limb that is encroaching on the road sign needs to be removed.

Note 5: Phil Haynes should be asked to look at the other trees south of Gallinas in mid-2009.

Note 6: The stakes should be removed from two of the cherry trees on the section of village green in front of Mayfield House.

Note 7: The stumps of the old cherry trees could be a tripping hazard. They should be removed.

- Note 8: Local residents have requested that the four sycamore trees near Tithe House should be removed and replaced by something more suitable. Phil Haynes' view is that one of the four trees should be retained, but the other three could be removed. He will include this in the planting scheme that he is going to draw up.
- Note 9: The oak tree on the triangle of village green at the centre of the village needs to be pruned. In particular, the crown should be lifted to 5.3m above the road and 2.5m above the grass.
- Note 10: The benches are in reasonable condition, but need to be painted with a suitable preservative.
- Note 11: The guard around the tree on the north side of Darlington Road near the village hall needs to be modified.