

Condition assessment and recommendations for the benches in the park and Village Green

Overview

A recent inspection of the benches in the park revealed significant deterioration of the wooden slats which is no longer safe for the public use.



- The wooden slats are worn, damaged and some slats are detached from the concrete supports.
- The concrete supports appear structurally stable but require further inspection.

Recommendations

- 1 **Replacement of the slats** - If the concrete supports remain in good condition, we can replace the wooden slats with new treated ones or recycled plastic slats.



<https://www.wickes.co.uk/Wickes-C16-Treated-Kiln-Dried-Timber---45-x-95-x-2400mm/p/166403>

<https://www.kedel.co.uk/recycled-plastic-wood/recycled-plastic-wood-100mm-x-40mm.html>

2 Purchase of new benches

- **Wooden benches** – traditional look but require ongoing maintenance. They must be maintained annually to remain in nice shape. Every year, they should be stained or painted with a mixture designed for outdoor hardwood surfaces to preserve them from dampness and severe weather. Without this protection, the wood would degrade fast and become structurally and aesthetically damaged.



<https://www.corido.co.uk/6ft-teak-park-bench-street-bench.html>

<https://www.corido.co.uk/balmoral-teak-8-ft-chunky-garden-bench.html>

- **Recycled plastic benches** – durable, maintenance-free for 25 years, resistant to rot, splintering, insects or extreme weather. Available in woodgrain effect, delivered fully assembled and with free sustainability plaques.



<https://www.recycledfurniture.co.uk/Benches-and-Seating/Benches-and-Seats/Park-Seat-with-Back>

<https://www.tdp.co.uk/product/peak/>

- **Canopy benches** - comes with a solid roof to shelter against the sun and rain. Available in wooden, composite and metal designs. For safety and durability, they should be properly secured.



<https://www.oakworld.co.uk/shop/outdoor/rattan-planters-accessories/garden-arbours/cottage-arbour-fully-enclosed-3-seat/>

https://pnbuildingsupplies.co.uk/products/outdoor-composite-canopy-bench?_pos=1&_sid=533b45dac&_ss=r

<https://www.caloo.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/YS106-Space.pdf>