

Report on condition of bench seats in the parish of Brean - 2019

Introduction

There are nine bench seats that Brean Parish council are responsible for. Seven of the seats are constructed from concrete for the structure with 7 wooden slats, 4 for the seat and 3 for the back rest. The slats are fastened to the concrete with carriage bolts. The other 2 seats have a metal frame and wooden slates.

Condition of seats after initial inspection on 12/01/19 and as left condition after remedial work (April 2019)

1. Seat at Brean Manor.

Initial condition:- Seat overall is in reasonable condition though 2 slats are showing signs of old age. All wooden slats require rubbing down and painting.



After remedial work:- All wood has been rubbed down and painted.



2. 2 metal framed seats by village hall.

Initial condition:- Both seats in good condition.

After remedial work:- All wood has been rubbed down and painted.

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3. Seat at bus stop by Weston turning.

Initial condition:- Seat overall is in reasonable condition. Rear wooden seat slat is loose at one end. All wooden slats require rubbing down and painting.



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After remedial work:- All wood has been rubbed down and painted.



4. Seat at bus stop by Brean garage

Initial Condition:- Seat overall is in reasonable condition. Front wooden seat slat is loose at one end and requires repair / replacement. All wooden slats require rubbing down and painting.

After remedial work:- front wooden slat replaced and all wood rubbed down and painted.



5. Seat by seagull

Initial condition:- Seat overall is in good condition. All wooden slats require light rubbing down and painting.



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After remedial work:- All wood has been rubbed down and painted.



6. Seat by Pontins bus layby but furthest from bus shelter

Initial condition:- Seat overall in reasonable condition. All wooden slats require rubbing down and painting.

1 missing back rest (middle) slate. Requires old fasteners removing from concrete structure (these are rusted in and may not come out, hence bracket may be required) and new carriage bolt fasteners and replacement slate.



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After remedial work:- Back slat replaced and all wood has been rubbed down and painted.



7. Seat at Pontins bus stop / shelter

Initial Condition:- Seat overall in reasonable condition. All wooden slates require rubbing down and painting.



After remedial work:- Still to be done.



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8. Seat by car park / opposite amusements/ leisure centre.

Initial condition:- Seat in poor condition. This is mainly due to the concrete structure deterioration. All wooden slats require rubbing down and painting.

3 missing slats, two from the seat slats (front) and one from the back rest (top). Requires old fasteners removing from concrete structure and new coach bolt fasteners and replacement slats. Note some fasteners rusted and swollen into concrete any may be difficult to remove.



After remedial work:- All wood has been rubbed down and painted.



Final Summary after remedial work:

Some slats on benches by Brean manor and Weston turning are showing signs of old age and will require replacement in the next years or two. Concrete of seat opp. leisure centre requires repair.

Suggest that next year one seat has its wooden slats replaced with plastic and any salvageable wooden slats are used on the other bench's. Cost of plastic and fasteners for one bench will be approximately £150, then fitting cost will have to be added.

suggested supplier of plastic material is 'reformed plastics' dorset – email sales@reformedplastics.co.uk.

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