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Queens Garden:

1. The back panel to the basketball ring is very 'soggy' and rotten. It is in danger of breaking off. I've raised the risk to low-medium. It needs to be replaced or at least removed. I could probably reach it off a step-ladder enough to break the ends off and reduce the risk - Please advise. Photo 3

2. There are a couple of small gaps appearing in the hedge that runs along the main road. In most of the hedge there is still a fence buried in the hedge to prevent a small 'unattended' child getting out straight onto the A265 but in these two places there isn't. The risk will reduce in the summer when everything starts growing but it is likely to be a deteriorating situation next winter. One gap is situated right next to the new play equipment.

I think any sort of fence will look odd and out of place so suggest that I fill the gaps with new plants and as a temporary measure block it off with some of that green plastic trellis style fencing we used during lockdown to close off the play equipment.

I had a look in Petals and a potted hedge plant would cost £11 but on line I can get them for about £1.50 each. I checked a couple of sites and both needed a minimum order of £40 or a smaller number but then carriage was on top. I suggest that I buy the maximum number I can for around £40 and plant them in a double row to fill the gaps. Any left over, I can use in Viper to make a hedge where the adventurous/lazy climb over. I can get native species like hawthorn (prickly) beech etc. NOW is the time to do it! - Please advise.