

Replacement backless benches

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There are two tubular metal benches (green and red), situated within the Station Road play area. The seat has a plastic coating. Our annual play area inspection report for the last few years has identified that *“The paintwork on this item has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting / corroding”*. The recommendation is to *“Treat affected areas and repaint”*. The metal structure looks to be otherwise sound at the moment.



There have been previous attempts to paint the exposed metal, but the outcome was poor.

We have consulted with EKM Ltd, who have done our recent major play area repairs, to see if the seat part could be replaced or if there is a better way of repairing this. They have responded:

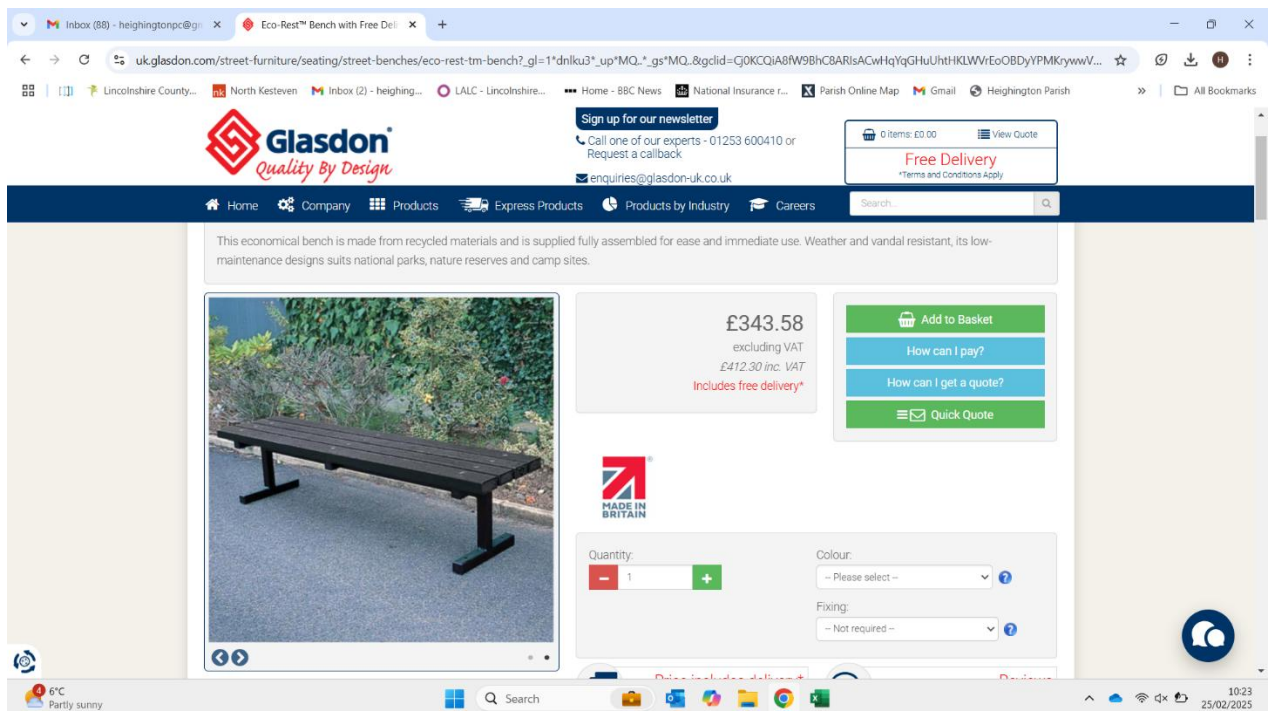
“Unfortunately, this is a big drawback with this type of bench. they have a very thick plastic coating which when damaged slowly lets the water get under it and then starts to rot the bench away and you can’t effectively paint it as it doesn’t adhere to the plastic. We have touched up the damaged areas up by cutting them back to good steel where it’s still got a good, sealed surface and then painting that bit but it’s not great to be honest. They are great when new and do last many years but maintenance it very limited”.

The two benches have been installed for some years (we can’t find exact date).

The Caretaker is currently investigating how these benches are anchored and how easy it may be to remove them.

We have looked at possible options for replacing these.

Glasdon do a recycled backless bench (same style as the picnic benches at Station Road) for £343.58 plus VAT.



Sustainable Furniture also do a similar style backless bench for £340 plus VAT.

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Bench

Recycled Plastic Backless Bench

SKU S#-MX-BB-RP

☑ **** Manufacturing Time - 3-6 weeks ****

£340.00



Colour

Backless Bench - Brown + £340.00 Each

Quantity

1

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Recommendation:

1. Council to consider replacement of both these benches, to be funded from reserves. There may be additional cost for installation, but we should be able to do this ourselves.