

CHILDREY PLAYING FIELD TRUST

CHAIRMANS REPORT 2016 / 2017

We have once again had a good year with my sincere thanks to the Trustees, as well as the many volunteers, for their continued support and enthusiasm in maintaining the playing field for the village.

The fundraising has continued to be successful with bonfire night, the bike race and the Childrey Fest all contributing. This has now enabled the Trust to begin some further developments on the playing field.

Little Ducks are now settled in the pavilion and the Trust has helped them upgrade the rear area of the pavilion by installing patio doors, fencing and decking to provide an enclosed garden area. This has been a great benefit and enabled them to tick an important box by being able to offer an enclosed outdoor space for the children. Discussions are on-going regarding the long-term position but the Trust feel it is important that they continue to offer their support for Little Ducks as a vital organisation within the village.

Since last year the Trust has also built a further area of hard standing for parking which has been helpful with the increased flow of traffic at drop off and pick up times. Investments have also been made in a grass cutter to be able to cut the road side verge as this is no longer cut by the council. We have also serviced the old football club sit on mower so can cut larger areas on the field if required.

Football has continued on the field with three junior Ardington teams using it for winter training - this is a welcome sight as well as bringing in some additional revenue.

In conjunction with the Parish Council the Trust is also starting the process of adding more facilities to the field. In the first instance a survey has been undertaken to gauge views from the village on several proposals. We will report to the PC on progress and are hoping the Vale Planning Authority will allow some to proceed as permitted development given they are sporting / recreational to enhance the field for the health and wellbeing of the community.

CIO status has not been progressed further this year as the Trust feel the original Deed of Trust document needs updating. We will need to seek legal advice and work closely with the PC to try to get this document updated.

Finally, our thanks again for the Vodafone matched funding for the various events we organise as well as our young Duke of Edinburgh workers who have helped with maintenance as part of their volunteering.

Jeremy Snell

Chairman
27/4/17