

Malpas Recreation Ground Trust Annual report

1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

Chairs Report 2022-2023

Trustee Actions

In the reporting period, the Trustees have again been successful through, the Denton Clark Rentals property management company, in renting out to a local family, the four bedroom property which is situated on Hughes Lane, Malpas

Financial Summary:

Expenditure for the year was £5,878.12, this against an income of £6,880.37 from bank account interest and property rental.

Risk Management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed in particular those related to the operations and finances and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to major risks.

Site Usage Review

Between the 2nd and 5th June, the site was given free of charge to allow Malpas Community Links to stage part of the village celebrations for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

The site was still being used by the Malpas Alport Primary School children for their weekly games and annual sports event.

In addition the facility proves a popular venue for after school gatherings for the older children from the Bishop Heber High School.

The site is also popular at weekends when many village residents and visitors to the area make use of the facilities.

Play Equipment Maintenance and Inspection

Weekly checks of the equipment continued throughout the year, with no major issues being identified, and the existing play equipment has remained in good condition.

Ground improvement Works

During the reporting period some much needed drainage work was carried out on the northern end of the site.

In addition a new wooded fence was added between the vehicle and the pedestrian entrances; this to secure the boundary following last year's completion of the Hughes Lane boundary fencing erected by the Stewart Milne Estate contractors.

Weekly Safety Inspections

Any defects identified on the play equipment are remedied within appropriate timescales, or reported to the appropriate responsible body. Visits, issues and actions followed up, are recorded in a site log book.

Whilst there have been no equipment defects observed within the reporting period, litter on the site does remain a major issue.

Management Committee

No business meetings of the management committee took place during the reporting period due to a quorum of the committee members not being available.

Note It has been increasingly difficult to recruit volunteers to join the Management Committee.*

However, the Chairman of the committee has continued to consult, liaise and attended a number of meetings with the Trustees, to further the financial management and general business of the Trust.

Future Strategy and Plans

There are plans in place to utilise the site as a location for the Malpas King Charles III Coronation Celebrations in May 2023.

The longer term strategy is to maintain the unique manner of the site with emphasis on a park with open green space available for use by residents and village community events.

Chris Whitehurst
Chair Malpas Recreation Ground management Committee

31st March 2023