

Playing Field Regeneration Report

It's been a busy year for the playing field project. Last time we presented we'd just created our business plan with the target figure of over £250k to raise if we wanted to achieve the key projects that we'd identified following the engagement with the village.

Whilst that figure was incredibly daunting, a key team of villagers have thrown everything into the achievement of some small but important developments as we are determined for it to become a community space enjoyable by all.

The playing field finances are in a great place, with the ongoing monthly rental for use of the pitches alongside our fundraising efforts have allowed us to start to do some of the much needed works, and this also puts us in a great position for funders to invest in us!

Our key achievements in the last 12 months have been:

- The installation of phase 1 of the perimeter path (thank you to the PC for their contribution and support in enabling us to complete this)
- The clearing and the extension of the car park
- Re-lay of the roadside hedge
- Finalisation of the tenancy agreement to enable us to now move forward with fundraising applications
- Local fundraising events – Quiz Nights, Halloween activities, Bingo Night
- Local support for fundraising – Open Farm, Jubilee, Ali Collis Half Marathon
- Built key relationships with Brackley Athletic and the local FA
- The creation of the Charlton Crew – 30 members of the village who are willing to help out!

We've pleased to confirm that through our fundraising efforts we've raised a total of £3,086.59 in the last 12 months, which is a great achievement that everyone should be proud of.

Our focus for the next 12 months:

- The installation of the pump park – which we hope will be this summer with the help of the Charlton Crew!
- Phase 2 & 3 of the perimeter path – ideally this summer in conjunction with the pump park
- The installation of some temporary storage to replace the falling down sheds
- The purchase and installation of some benches and picnic benches
- Finalisation of the plans for the pavilion
- The completion of 3 fundraising applications – Viridor, HS2 and National Lottery
- Further work to the car park, hopefully laying a suitable top surface
- Further fundraising events – the Charlton Big Bike Ride, Pop up Cafes, Quiz Nights and lots lots more!

We are grateful to Brackley Athletic for recognising what great pitches we have and their continued usage makes a massive impact to what we're trying to achieve both through their

support but also their pitch fees! Charlton Men's football are still going strong and there's a small rumour we might soon start to see some cricket played on the fields!

Special thanks goes to the committee of volunteers who are pushing off, working hard in the background. The Parish Council for their ongoing commitment and support in turning the business plan into a reality, the Rose & Crown for hosting a number of fundraising activities and those dedicated individuals who have gone above and beyond (Katy Snelling, Edwina Woods, Vanessa Kelly, Jordan Bolton, Andrew Beadle, Andrew Robinson, Bev Riggs, Ali Collis).

Finally, we'd like to thank all of the village for their ongoing support and we look forward to celebrating further milestones over the next 12 months.