

Barton Fields Trust

Annual Report 2018.19

Introduction

Barton Fields Trust have been in charge of the field for fourteen years. 'Fields in Trust' took over ownership of the field from Bristol City Council in 2004 and 'Barton Fields Trust' took over the lease and management of the field on the 1st April 2005. The Trust's main income is an annual grant from Bristol City Council to help maintain the field.

Improvements

The Trust didn't spend anything on the pitches last summer. However the Rugby Club did dig several sump holes on the first pitch to try and help with drainage. This work is on going each year due to the very poor condition of the pitches.

The pitches are making progress and has good grass cover now but we have a long way to go to improve these pitches dramatically.

It was hoped to improve the pathway from the cycle path along the side of the pitch leading to the bank. But unfortunately this has had to be put on hold due to unforeseen circumstances. It is hoped to complete this work in this coming year.

Community Fun Day

The Trust has taken a year off the organising of the Community day due to energy levels of members dropping. However the Rugby Club took on the organisation of it with some success as we have had positive feedback to the event.

Accountability

The Trust is accountable for the field. The community now knows the Trust is in charge of the field. We know this by:

- Complaints received by the Trust this year.....none!
- The Trust has its AGM in June each year where the Public can be attended.
- Successful Community Days....this year by the Rugby Club
- No complaints about litter this year as we have a litter picking regime.

Finance

The Council's funding for the field is vital for its maintenance and development .Without this support it would be impossible to raise enough funds to maintain the field. This funding seems to be at risk at the moment.

Future

The Trust sees the continuation of its work developing a field for all the neighbourhood. We do need to work hard to develop a Friends of the field to ensure inclusiveness of the neighbourhood.

Pitch improvements is an on going issue which the Trust is keen to develop.

There are financial issues looming concerning our funding from the council which need dealing with.

Conclusion

We have made good progress in developing an excellent Playing Field and Park for all the community. The field continues to look very tidy and an inviting place for the community to come and enjoy the facilities.

My thanks go to all the Trust members for their hard work, commitment and support over the past year!

Mike Bond
Chair, Barton Fields Trust June 2019