



## Annual Report 2015.16

### Introduction

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

### Improvements

Our work in creating havens for wild life has been a success. We have left parts of the field not mown, developed hedgerows, looked after the Badger/fox sets and made sure hedgerows are trimmed out of bird nesting season. we believe the field is now a very important area for wildlife locally and we hope to improve on this in the future.

The two Rugby pitches on the field are still in a poor condition despite the Trust providing funds for renovation each year.

We have managed to acquire funds to place 6 bollards at Lindon Close to stop unwanted vehicles entering the fields.

A car damaged the fence by Lindon Close and it took some while to track down the culprit and their insurance. we Did manage to get £1700 from their insurance to pay for the damage and make the repairs. The fence now looks better than ever.

£4000 has been spent this year to renovate the rugby pitches last summer. This work was completed by our contractors.

The Trust and Rugby Club have managed to acquire a grant of £2000 for pitch renovation. This is being spent on digging sump holes and filling with stone to try and drain surface water from the pitches. This has idea and finance has happened due to a visit from Kieth Kent the head groundsman for Twickenham.

### Community Fun Day

Building on our success of last year's Community Day, the Trust managed to obtain a grant from the local Neighbourhood Partnership Wellbeing fund. The main aim of the event is to bring the entire diverse neighbourhood together.

Part of the event is the 999 day and our thanks to the local beat team for bringing their equipment, dogs and much more to the event.

It was a hugely successful day with over 1000 local residents turning up on Saturday 4th June afternoon. We had lots of stalls and fairground rides, lots of free play work, circus skills, dog show, bouncy castles, the police and local beat team, BBQ, tom-bola, a children's disco and so much more. This event was again, for the 5th year running, an outstanding success for a neighbourhood that seems to lack that community feel sometimes.

The Trust has to be thanked for all their hard work in making the event a great success. Also a big thanks to the Rugby Club, wives and partners who offer lots of support. The event would not have happened without them!

## Accountability

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

- Complaints received by the Trust about various things: litter, motorbikes, Fly tipping, fences etc.
- The Trust advertises its AGM in June each year which can be attended by the public as there is a slot for Public Participation.
- Community Days
- There have been no complaints about litter this year as we have a litter picking regime.
- The development of the 'Friends of the Field' group and the involvement of local people.

## Finance

We were delighted to acquire new grants from several sources to enable the development on the field.

£700.....Neighbourhood Partnership for this year's community day.

£300.....Fields in Trust...For bollards at Lindon Close

£2000...RFU.....Pitch improvements

£1700...Insurance claim.. fence repairs.

The Council's funding for the field is vital for its maintenance and development.

## The 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 we are keen to work hard at.

## Conclusion

We 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.

It is now time to take stock and look and plan for further developments in the coming year.

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**

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