

MERSHAM SPORTS CLUB

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Details

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Activities

Objects: 1. THE PROMOTION OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN HEALTHY RECREATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF MERSHAM IN KENT AND SURROUNDING AREA BY THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR PLAYING SPORTS IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY CRICKET, FOOTBALL AND ARCHERY; AND2. TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF MERSHAM IN KENT AND THE SURROUNDING AREA THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABLEMENT, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES OR FOR THE PUBLIC AT LARGE IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITION OF LIFE OF THE SAID INHABITANTS.

Activities: Promotion of community participation in healthy recreation for the benefit of the inhabitants of Mersham in Kent and surrounding areas by the provision of sports facilities.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Amateur Sport, Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Kent

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-02-28	£135,834	£114,216	-	-
2024-02-29	£446,493	£416,893	-	-
2023-02-28	£103,527	£141,644	-	-
2022-02-28	£74,766	£71,826	-	-
2021-02-28	£49,491	£30,807	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Kevin Douglaas Burton	Chair	2019-10-08
Geoffrey Charles Fagg		2019-10-08
Jane Fagg		2019-10-08
Jonathan Frederick Ambler		2019-10-08
Lesley-Ann Lloyd		2019-10-08
Paul Kenton Stewart		2024-05-14
Robert John Beaney		2019-10-08

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Accounts



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Merisham Sports Club AGM Monday 31st March 2025 Merisham Sports Club 7.30pm

- Attendees – Kevin Burton (KB) Fred Ambler (FA) Jane Fagg (JF) Leigh Lloyd (LL) Ian Fagg (IF) Matt Fagg (MF) Helen Fagg-Lenihan (HFL) Kenton Stewart (KS) Bob Beaney (BB)
- Apologies - Dave Fagg – Kerry Morris – Chelsea Fagg-Lenihan – Pat Smithers - Rob Clark (RC)– Steve Darlington – Andrew Lloyd – Steve Baker

Meeting opened: 7.30pm

- **Minutes of last AGM**

- Approved – However, JF wished it to be noted that the role of treasurer had not been taken over by Steve Darlington as recorded in the 2024 minutes.

- **Chair's report**

Good evening, Vice-Presidents and members. Unfortunately, our President cannot be with us tonight, but she does send her apologies and well wishes.

Whilst writing my report I sat back and began to recollect all the things that I have witnessed and been a part of over the 5 and a bit decade I've been associated with our club. I can recall watching my dad play both football and cricket alongside the likes of Fred Fagg, John Harman, Roy Adams, Dave Stevens, Danny Swaffer, Biffo Sharp, Nobby Southern, Ralph Young, Robin Lightfoot and many, many more. And then being asked to play alongside these legends and the new and up and coming Merisham super stars of that era. A young Ian Fagg, Dick Fagg, Martin MacDonagh, Ollie Cater, Trevor Banyard, Fred Ambler, the list goes on.

Then I began to think, how many clubs can say that they have as many old players still apart of the club, how many generations of families have stayed associated with their club? Everyone knows the Fagg's with 4 generations past and present. Burtons with the same, Stevens, Southern's and more recently Darlington's, the list goes on!

I think of the many friends I have made, playing football and cricket, enjoying their company on and off the field of play. We have seen many faces come and go, sadly, as we get older, more have left us, but

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we still remember them all, Jim Hodges being the last of the stalwarts to declare his innings, fondly remembered and sadly missed.

I have had the pleasure of sitting in the premier seat for this club over 30 years. I have seen it grow from a small 1 team cricket and football club to the massive charity organisation it has become today. But it is down to the old basic belief that we are and will always be a family club with family values, long may that continue.

As we close another chapter, we can all be proud of our many achievements over the past 12 months. The continued success of the 3 sports sections, all of which we will hear more of later, but the completion of the new Annex ground must be the feather in the Mersham Sports Club cap with great reports feeding back as to how well it has played, looks and the fact how few fixtures have been lost to the weather. There is still work to be done in maintaining the new facility and ensure it continues to be a magnificent playing surface but I'm confident the upkeep will be continued, and further work will be carried out this week. We will continue to hear more over the rest of the evening of work in progress and needing to be done over the course of the evening. However, as always, I'm sure we would all like to thank our brilliant committee for all their hard work making this achievable, alongside the everyday running of a very busy club!

Jane Fagg, Leigh Lloyd, Fred Ambler and Ian Fagg the club owes you a massive debt of gratitude for making this project such a huge success and the jewel and envy of the surrounding sporting venues. Thank you

Next project a new Club House!!!!

Bertie
Club Chair

• Secretary's report

The hard work, dedication and determination of the Mersham Sports Club committee, has this year provided the membership an enviable sporting facility that will benefit many for years to come and I take immense pride in what we have achieved for the club.

We thank all those that provided us with funding and assistance, more of which I am sure Fred will touch on. We owe particular gratitude to the Football Foundation for their £460,000 investment in our future, alongside crucial support from Mersham Parish Council, Ashford Borough Council, and the ECB. These partnerships have given us facilities that are the envy of clubs across the county.

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The use of the new field and the all-weather wicket for junior cricket began in June 2024 and the football section were able to utilise from November. The difference the new field has made to the football section is remarkable – where other clubs have been cancelling fixtures due to waterlogged pitches, our new drainage system has kept us playing week after week.

However, maintaining these new grounds presents new challenges and we are on a learning curve when it comes to cost and required maintenance. Whilst we appreciate that majority of our adult members / parents work and are unable to assist when weekday works are scheduled, we will endeavour to organise some work mornings or afternoons asking for just a few hours help. The great response to our recent drainage work appeal – where 15 volunteers associated with the football section completed in hours what would normally take days – shows what we can achieve together.

We must also recognise that some jobs are beyond perhaps not the skillset, but what the age of our mainstay of helpers will allow and must accept that we will have to pay professional contractors so fundraising remains vital.

As I close, I would like to thank the committee for their continue drive to make this best club it can possibly be, and hope that the next year brings continued success for all sections. I must pay special tribute to Bertie and Ian. Bertie's quiet dedication behind the scenes and Ian's tireless work on the grounds often go unseen, but they're the bedrock of this club. Gentlemen, on behalf of us all – thank you.

Leigh Lloyd

Club Secretary

- **Treasurer's report**

CLUB ACCOUNT YEAR ENDING 28/02/2025

The year started with £71,281 brought forward.

Donations from VPs were £590. We are always very grateful for their support.

Membership of £10,425 was received together with £8,000 from club sports sections, plus £2,445 from EWCB Allstars and Dynamos program.

Bar and Social functions bought in £12,000. Many thanks to all those involved in raising these funds.

Grants to the Club totalled £98,057.

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The Charities Trust supported us with donations of £1,000 on behalf of HSBC and Barclays.

The Savannah Trust gave us £2,496 in respect of our golf days at London Beach.

Ashford Borough Council's Community Lottery raised £667.

The Recycle Bank raised £152

Now for our spending.

Insurance premiums this year were £4,403.

We paid £152 in Business Rates; we receive 80% rate relief. The additional Retail, Hospitality and Leisure discount scheme has been scrapped therefore our rates for 2025/26 will be £365.

Bank charges came to £204, (£17 per month).

Teamo fees came to £128 (now £32 monthly) and Internet fees £503 (£42 monthly).

Website fees came to £273, with Security and CCTV systems costing £911

We also paid £25 for our annual Kent Playing Fields Subscription.

Costs for electricity were £2,819, and water £115.

The on-going problems with the cesspool cost £1,735 for emptying and £718 for a sewage management report. We now pay £145 for a monthly clearance.

Waste management and recycling clearance was £625.

Housekeeping, cleaning and maintenance of the buildings was £1,004.

Ground care and preparation came to £5,601 with line marking expenses £826.

Repairs, maintenance and servicing for ground machinery was £1,038, with fuel costs £2,110. The increase in the cost of our fuel (£1,570) has been, in part, due to now mowing the annex field, but largely as a result of a change in legislation that prevents us from purchasing red diesel.

The annual inspection of the Play Park and repairs was £216.

Other maintenance expenses included costs for Cinque Ports Pest Control, Hire of Skip, cleaning and maintenance of BBQs, and painting of bench seating.

Payments to Agripower were made totalling £38,698. This included their Final Contract Payment.

A Non-turf Wicket has been installed in the annex field, at a cost of £10,368.

The final payment for the Cricket practice net facility was made, £2,849 (£55,000 being paid previously).

Canvins completed works on the access road for £1,708.

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An area of land near the Sports Ground entrance has been prepared for car parking use, this came to £9,688.

The access ramp into the clubhouse has cost £1,692.

The Open Day expenses came to £290 with a further £300 for marquee poles following damage caused by the wind!

Finally, a new tractor has been purchased for £24,600.

To facilitate all of these projects, we are very grateful for the grants received this year from The Football Foundation, EW Cricket Trust, Archery UK and Kent Community Foundation.

We appreciate all their support, and many thanks must go to all those who worked to secure the grants.

At the end of the year the Club has £84,060 in the Development Account, £8,609 in the Club Account and £230 in cash.

We end the year with £92,899 to carry forward.

Mr David James, once again, will be carrying out an audit of the accounts before I submit a copy, with his report and the AGM minutes, to The Charity Commission.

Jane Fagg

Club Treasurer

- **Welfare Officer's report**

No serious incidents reported this season.

MF has generated QR code reporting for incidents and accidents and would appreciate all using these to include injuries – he will hold records.

- **Club Development Report**

Good evening

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Well after many years, meetings and problems I am pleased to say that the sports club has now completed its plan to have a new entrance, car parking and the new annex ground, which was purchased and converted from a field into one of the best pitches in Kent.

The overall project was to change the entrance to the club making it much safer to come in and out. The portacabin was added originally to give us more options while the new pavilion was built.

At this point 2 things happened, funding for new pavilions was suspended in favour of improving pitches and the Church commission then finally agreed to sell us the land next to the club.

After years of negotiations, the price of the land and how much we could have was agreed and ABC added £50k to what we had raised, and the PC had given us which meant we could buy the land.

We then started negotiations with the FF, Sport England and ECB to fund changing the field to pitches, included in that was improvement to the parking and the roadway to the new field.

The money was conditional on us improving other sports not just football, so we added a new 2 lane enclosed net and an all-weather wicket in the annex.

Before the work began, we got an agreement from the farmer next door to take the spoil which saved us thousands.

The work has now been completed, apart from some work to be done in the spring which we have the money for.

As well as the land we have completed another car park for 15 to 20 cars and a disabled ramp for access to the pavilion.

Finally, we have agreed with the FF that the money left over could be used to buy a new larger tractor.

So, all in all we have completed the job and at the same time improved our facilities and equipment.

Of course, the pavilion is far from perfect, but that is a project for the future.

The committee have worked amazingly hard to make this happen and at many stages in looked that it may not happen.

Leigh and Bertie have spent many hours of effort and countless meetings and form filling, and Jane has always been there to sort out the finances no mean feat.

Also, Ian's work on the field, which meant the FF were always happy to deal with us as they could see how well the pitches were looked after.

So now it is finished and is there for the future generation of Sports club members, and it is now time for the younger members to come forward and get more involved this is your sports club and will only survive with new people getting involved and helping.

Cheers Fred

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Development Chair

The next steps for the sports club development were touched upon – with a new club house being potentially the next major project. Based upon a simple layout looking towards the clubs needs rather than those stipulated by governing bodies – this may reduce the costs; however, it is still believed that this would still be in the region of £300-350K. Without compliance to the sporting authorities, we would not be able to approach them for funding (and the Football Foundation are extremely unlikely to fund anything to Mersham for the foreseeable future given their funding for the new land) where would the monies come from?

- **Grounds Report**

With 2024/25 being the first year of our full use of the “Annex” ground we have certainly noticed the change. In what has been a very wet winter being able to utilise the excellent drainage of the annex football pitches on a regular basis has definitely been a benefit to the club, which will hopefully demonstrate in us not having too much football over running into the start of the Cricket Season, but it has also greatly benefitted us not having to try to use main ground football pitches when due to the wet weather they would have cut up badly.

So just to say at the moment all main ground football pitches are in a very good condition, and with regards to the condition of the annex ground we are currently awaiting Agripower our main contractors to do their “final work” of over seeding, topdressing and vertidrainage of the annex pitches.

We have also booked that they vertidrain the main ground pitches whilst they have got their heavy-duty machinery on site. This work will be carried out early April 2025 and will be part of the pitch improvement grant for the main ground pitches.

Due to the much-improved drainage of the new Annex pitches, for the future we will need to look at increasing our fertilizer regime for the annex ground to give the grass a couple of boosts, due to how dry the sand-based soil remains especially during the summer months.

With both grounds to maintain we identified that using our current mower (Trimax Striker 190) and tractor took more than 4 hours to cut both main and Annex ground and again with a lot of financial assistance from the football foundation, we have purchased a new bigger more powerful tractor (old =26hp new =40hp) which has allowed us to purchase a much wider mower (3.2 metres wide instead of 1.9m) this new machinery will drastically reduce mowing time required during the growing season.

Our pitch improvement grant (for main ground pitches only) continues with us currently in year 4 of the 6-year grant. This means we can receive a grant of up to £3,732 for remedial work on the main ground pitches like overseeding, fertilizer application, and vertidrainage.

Ground improvements have also taken place through the year with the car park being extended, and we have also been donated a large wooden building (currently stored beside garage) which we plan to erect soon as a shelter/ small clubhouse for the annex ground.

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With a very busy Cricket season soon to get underway, the football season just coming to an end, and the Archery club continuing, sports and participation at the club continues to increase and pleased to report that the condition of our grounds is also improving.

Regards

Ian Fagg

Grounds Keeper

• Bar and Social Report

- Bar profits are up approximately £4000 year on year
- Part of the increase can be attributed to the café running throughout the football season (which it didn't last) – the section is calling on each squad to run the café 2-3 times a season and this has worked incredibly well with takings increasing by over 50% on 23/24 to £4700 for the same period. However, whilst increased I feel that takings have been affected by majority of games taking place on the annex field where spectators do not have time / inclination to walk back to the club house at half time – we will have to see if the new 'Café Cabin' when installed will improve this, and this too will apply to junior cricket season.
- Allstars continues to be a major source of income for the bar, boosted significantly by the running of the BBQ at every session – thanks must go to all those that jump on and assist – but special mention to Dick and Trev. As cash sales were not always historically entered into the till by item it's difficult to definitively compare year on year but the jump in BBQ sales is significant, based on information available across the year the BBQ in 23/24 brought in around £1500 and £3750 in 24/25
- Events 2024/25
 - 30th June Village Day and official opening of field
 - Softball tournaments
 - Football presentation night
 - Cricket week events
 - Golf days
 - Christmas Quiz
 - Raffles with a huge thank you to Sue Banyard for all her endeavours to get us some fantastic prizes.

We thank those who attend, but a heartfelt thanks to all those that give up their time to assist in the setting up, running & tidying up.

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- DrinksWarehouse is our current supplier for our tapped drinks, but we did experience some supply issues through last season – Dick is looking into alternatives, but we remain with them for the time being.
- We make every effort to source soft drinks, snacks, chocolate, canned and bottled alcoholic drinks when on offer, with an overall aim of allowing us to remain reasonably priced.
- A new tablet was purchased this year and along with the improved connectivity to the internet we have had few issues with taking card payments.
- A new floor in the kitchen and fancy new glass storage system is in place
- On the practical side, we're facing some necessary investments:

Replacing the failed oven & freezer

Upgrading our ageing glass fronted fridges

We've had several members express interest in running events – now's the time to turn that interest into action – please, please come forward - I am hoping to organise a Silent Disco, Murder Mystery evening and our annual Christmas Quiz for this coming year but we will always need new initiatives.

Once again thank you to all those that assist us at events and are happy to jump on the BBQ or behind the bar – this section really does provide a significant sum of money to the club – if you have an idea for an event or would like to take on organising something please approach Dick or myself.

Leigh Lloyd / Dick Fagg

Bar Committee

- **Cricket Report**

A successful year with both Saturday sides getting promoted and for the 1st time ever we managed to field a 3rd XI which we have plans on increasing the number of matches they play – on Saturdays we have really good availability – unfortunately the same cannot be said for the Sunday side.

Ladies cricket here at Mersham seems to go from strength to strength – they now have teams in the Premier league and Development League – also they are setting up a girls U16 team.

The AllStars & Dynamos is also a major success story for the club.

Junior sides – under the guidance of Matt Fagg are also increasing the number of sides this year.

As always, big thanks for looking after the ground.

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- **Football Report**

Well, what a year... we finally managed to play football on the new Annexe pitch and what a fine playing surface it is. We had minimal cancellations and it is clear that we are the envy of all teams within the league. A big thank you to the main committee to drive this forward, without you, we probably would have had minimal football due to the bad weather affecting the main ground.

In terms of success, a big well done to both U14s and U16s for getting to their respective cup finals. The U13s achieved another league title and on the whole, there was progress across all age groups. Training has gone well, and we welcomed new coaches and players throughout the year, with more due at the beginning to the season! We are expecting three more teams to join the club.

We will be saying some goodbyes this year with the U14H leaving his year (currently managed by Charlotte Burke). We wish you all the best, and it was pleasing you managed to see the season considering the uncertainty. A special thank you must also go to Dave Fletcher who after over a decade of coaching is leaving us – he has coached so many of our current youth membership and now our ladies – he will be missed.

The committee remain intact for now, but if there are enthusiastic volunteers who want to support, you can approach any committee member to express an interest!

While the bank balance looks healthy, it is clear that we still expect an outlay for new goals and kits for a number of teams. We have had success in ensuring the cafe remains open for some bacon butties and hot drink through the season. We have achieved this through a rota system across the teams and it worked very well.

To summarise, it has been a great start to the new era on the new pitch! Really excited for the future!

Rob Clark

Football Chair

- **Archery Report**

The Archery section has had a relatively quiet year, concentrating on the quality of shooting and progress awards.

A member achieved 4th place in the National Field Championships

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Tony Harris, who is a national judge, is currently sitting his continental exam and assuming he passes will be one of the top judges in the country a real feather in the Mersham cap!

Managing to continue to self-finance.

Bob Beaney

- **Election of Officers**

All members of the committee are happy to stand for another year, however FA did make it clear that the time was near when the current committee would stand down and we need to have some succession planning.

No members had put themselves forward to take on any of the required roles.

Chair	Kevin Burton
Vice Chair	Fred Ambler
Secretary	Leigh Lloyd
Treasurer	Jane Fagg

Nominated by Dick Fagg – Seconded by Bob Beaney

Welfare Officer – appointed person - Matt Fagg

Bar & Social Committee

Leigh Lloyd
Dick Fagg
Jane Fagg

Nominated by Fred Ambler – Seconded by Ian Fagg

Pat Smithers has kindly stated that she is happy to continue her tenure as Club President.

- **Membership**
- The committee agrees that the club membership fees should be sufficient for the club to run without other monies and would need to be reviewed annually, however do not feel it necessary to increase these this year.

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- *The matter was voted upon, and no objections received – Membership fees to remain the same was accepted.*
- Bat & Trap / social / coaching / committee membership will stand at £12.

- **Outstanding Debts**

The committee wish to add to the terms and conditions of membership that no member will be able to participate in any sport – training or matches – if their debt to the club exceeds £50.

The member will be suspended until the debt has been paid to below this amount.

The matter was voted upon, with no objections – the capping of debts to £50 with player suspension was accepted.

- **AOB**

DF - With the low turnout of attendees could we hold this meeting in person and on Zoom / Teams next year – it had been successful with adding numbers to the cricket AGM – agreed.

IF - The website continues to be outdated and of little use – RC had in committee meetings said he would be looking into working through our Teamo system to host.

MF – could we have sub committee to create a universal kit for the whole club. LL stated although football has a new supplier of kit, but the design remains unchanged, no change to coaches' kit but are looking to have a club shop which would be great for the club as a whole.

FA – Feels that the fencing around the play park is coming to the end of its life – will approach AGM Fencing for a quote to replace.

Has any progress been made with Stone Green Hall for the replacing of their fence – KB has had a discussion with Isobel Mahoney and she has said that it is in hand – no timescale given.

Could the outer roadside fence be replaced – this would have a fairly significant cost – could certainly be improved by straightening.

Could the light switch be moved to the exit door.

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Could we have an outside light on a timer switch.

Meeting closed 21.00pm

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MERSHAM SPORTS CLUB - CLUB ACCOUNT

01/03/2024 TO 28/02/2025

INCOME:

Balance B/Fwd on 01 March 2024	£		71,281.18
	£		-
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Vice Presidents' Donations	£		590.00
Membership:			
Stripe Collections	£	10,425.32	
Other	£	-	£ 10,425.32
Club Sections:			
Archery Section	£	-	
Cricket Section	£	4,000.00	
Football Section	£	4,000.00	
200 Club	£	-	
Bar & Social	£	12,000.00	£ 20,000.00
Other Sports:			
EWCB Allstars & Dynamos	£	2,445.90	
Sports Camp	£	-	£ 2,445.90
Grants:			
Kent Community Foundation	£	5,375.00	
Archery UK	£	500.00	
Football Foundation	£	85,682.50	
EW Cricket Trust	£	6,500.00	
Football Foundation(Groundcare)	£	-	£ 98,057.50
Donations:			
Charities Aid Foundation (Banks)	£	1,000.00	
Savannah Trust (Golf Days)	£	2,496.00	
Misc. Donations	£	-	£ 3,496.00
Other:			
ABC Community Lottery	£	666.90	
Recycle Bank Receipts	£	153.00	
Misc. Other	£	-	£ 819.90

TOTAL £ 207,115.80

EXPENDITURE

Administration:			
Insurances	£	4,403.15	
Business Rates	£	152.19	
Barclays Bank A/C Charges	£	204.00	
Teamo Fees	£	127.96	
Website Fees	£	273.60	
Security	£	911.64	
Internet Fees	£	503.28	
Kent Playing Fields Subscription	£	25.00	
Misc. Admin.	£	8.10	£ 6,608.92
Utilities:			
Electricity - EDF Energy	£	2,819.19	
Castle Water Ltd	£	115.73	
Cesspool	£	2,453.80	
Waste Management	£	625.85	£ 6,014.57
Maintenance:			
Property & Housekeeping	£	1,004.79	
Ground Care & Preparation	£	5,601.72	
Line Marking	£	826.79	
Machinery Repair & Servicing	£	1,038.00	
Fuel (Tractor & Mowers)	£	2,110.59	
Play Park Inspection & Repair	£	216.00	
Other Maintenance	£	600.52	£ 11,398.41
Club Development:			
Non Turf Wicket	£	10,368.00	
Cricket Net Facility	£	2,849.60	
Canvins - Access Road	£	1,708.01	
Car Park Area	£	9,688.00	
Preparation of New Land	£	38,698.12	
Clubhouse Access Ramp	£	1,692.73	£ 65,004.46
Other:			
Haynes Tractor	£	24,600.00	
Open Day	£	290.20	
Misc. Expenses	£	300.00	£ 25,190.20
On Hand:			
Barclays Bank Development A/C	£	84,059.76	
Barclays Bank Number 2 A/C	£	8,609.31	
Cash	£	230.17	£ 92,899.24

TOTAL £ 207,115.80

MERSHAM SPORTS CLUB

Income and Expenditure Report for Year Ending 29 February 2025

Income	2023/24	2024/25
Membership	£ 11,055	£ 10,425
Income from Sports Sections + Allstars	£ 12,529	£ 10,446
Social Funds Raised	£ 12,500	£ 12,000
Grants:		
Football Foundation	£ 386,803	£ 85,682
EWCB Cricket Trust	£ 16,000	£ 6,500
Archery UK	£ -	£ 500
Kent Community Foundation	£ -	£ 5,375
Donations including Vice Presidents	£ 7,430	£ 4,086
Other Income	£ 176	£ 820
	£ 446,493	£ 135,834
Expenditure		
Admin:		
Business Rates	£ 156	£ 152
Insurance & Security	£ 5,148	£ 5,315
Other Admin	£ 1,168	£ 1,142
Utilities:		
Electricity	£ 3,030	£ 2,819
Water & Sewage	£ 1,337	£ 2,570
Waste Management	£ 539	£ 625
Maintenance:		
Property	£ 247	£ 1,821
Ground	£ 9,853	£ 6,429
Machinery	£ 1,893	£ 3,149
Club Development Projects	£ 391,552	£ 65,004
Material Purchases	£ 1,720	£ 24,600
Other Payments	£ 250	£ 590
	£ 416,893	£ 114,216
Surplus/ Deficit for the Year	£ 29,600	£ 21,618
	£ 446,493	£ 135,834
Cash on Hand:	2023/24	2024/25
Development Account	£ 60,976	£ 84,060
Club Account	£ 10,001	£ 8,609
Other	£ 304	£ 230
	£ 71,281	£ 92,899
Represented by:		
Accumulated Reserves at Beginning of Account Period	£ 41,681	£ 71,281
Surplus/ Deficit for the Year	£ 29,600	£ 21,618
	£ 71,281	£ 92,899

Prepared and submitted by Mrs Jane Fagg.

I have examined the books and vouchers of the Mersham Sports Club – Club Account for the year to 28th February 2025 and confirm that the foregoing is in accordance therewith.

.....  David C James

15 July 2025

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Merisham Sports Club Trustees Meeting

18th March 2024

Merisham Sports Ground

Held following the Merisham Sports Club AGM

Attendees: Kevin Burton – Leigh Lloyd – Fred Amber– Malcolm Smithers– Jane Fagg – Dick Fagg

Apologies – Bob Beaney – Kenton Stewart

Meeting opened 8.35.

All Trustees attending this meeting had just attended the Club AGM.

- Our understanding is that we as Trustees oversee the sports club, following the constitution, we are there to ensure that it is running it well financially and decisions made are in the best interest of the club, highlight any discrepancies – as far as the Trustees are concerned finances are accurate.
- We also understand 2 trustees should stand down and be re-elected if they so desire.
- Fred Ambler stands down and is re-elected to the position of Trustee,
- Currently Pete Turley is the Trustee representing the Parish Council – as he is no longer a councillor, he will be taken off the register with the charities commission and be replaced with Kenton Stewart.
- We can confirm Kenton happy to be a named Trustee.
- Will have 2 meetings a year one being the AGM and then one 6 months from now.
- MS feels that all Managers need to have a full overview of the calendar at the club – this can something be done on Teamo.
- Next meeting 18th September 2024

Closed 8.50

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MERSHAM SPORTS CLUB - CLUB ACCOUNT

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INCOME:

Balance B/Fwd on 01 March 2022	£		41,681.23
Barclays Bank Rewards	£		1.53
Vice Presidents' Donations	£		1,070.00
Membership:			
Stripe Collections	£	10,965.30	
Other	£	90.00	£ 11,055.30
Club Sections:			
Ashford Archers	£	-	
Cricket Section	£	4,500.00	
Football Section	£	7,000.00	
200 Club	£	2,500.00	
Bar & Social	£	10,000.00	£ 24,000.00
Other Sports:			
EWCB Allstars & Dynamos	£	1,028.54	
Sports Camp	£	-	£ 1,028.54
Grants:			
KCC and Local Councillor Grants	£	-	
Ashford Borough Council	£	-	
Football Foundation	£	382,025.50	
EW Cricket Trust	£	16,000.00	
Football Foundation(Groundcare)	£	4,778.00	£ 402,803.50
Donations:			
Charities Trust Donations (Banks)	£	2,000.00	
Savannah Trust (Golf Days)	£	2,112.00	
Emily Kemsley	£	340.00	
James Snowden	£	80.00	
Misc. Donations	£	141.14	£ 4,673.14
Other:			
ABC Community Lottery	£	1,030.80	
Recycle Bank Receipts	£	174.00	
Panto Fundraising	£	656.09	£ 1,860.89

TOTAL

£488,174.13

EXPENDITURE

Administration:	
Insurances	
Business Rates	
Barclays Bank A/C Charges	
Teamo Fees	
Website Fees	
Security	
Internet Fees	
Kent Playing Fields Subscription	
Misc. Admin.	
Utilities:	
Electricity - EDF Energy	
Castle Water Ltd	
Cesspool	
Waste Management	
Maintenance:	
Property & Housekeeping	
Ground Care & Preparation	
Line Marking	
Machinery Repair & Servicing	
Fuel (Tractor & Mowers)	
Play Park Inspection & Repair	
Defibrillator Maintenance	
Club Development:	
Stri	
Plans, Planning & Building Control	
Canvins - Access Road	
Canvins - Car Park Area	
Preparation of New Land	
Cricket Practice Nets	
Other:	
Line Marker	
Leaf Sweeper	
Misc. Expenses	
On Hand:	
Barclays Bank Development A/C	
Barclays Bank Number 2 A/C	
Cash	

TOTAL

3/2023 TO 29/02/2024

£	4,348.22		
£	156.16		
£	212.40		
£	599.76		
£	237.60		
£	800.29		
£	83.88		
£	25.00		
£	8.80	£	6,472.11

£	3,029.79		
£	362.01		
£	975.00		
£	539.12	£	4,905.92

£	247.48		
£	8,495.19		
£	1,182.58		
£	1,352.73		
£	539.95		
£	175.00		
£	-	£	11,992.93

£	1,980.00		
£	1,133.00		
£	27,840.00		
£	7,200.00		
£	298,398.50		
£	55,000.00	£	391,551.50

£	1,020.00		
£	700.00		
£	250.49	£	1,970.49

£	60,975.82		
£	10,001.27		
£	304.09	£	71,281.18

£488,174.13

MERSHAM SPORTS CLUB

Income and Expenditure Report for Year Ending

Income	2022/23
Membership	£ 9,000
Income from Sports Sections + Allstars	£ 5,366
Social Funds Raised	£ 15,341
Grants: Football Foundation	£ 5,600
EWCB Cricket Trust	£ 10,000
Parish & Borough Council	£ 50,000
Local & County Councillors	£ 350
Donations including Vice Presidents	£ 7,625
Other Income	£ 245
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	£ 103,527

Expenditure	
Admin: Business Rates	£ 348
Insurance & Security	£ 5,633
Other Admin	£ 732
Utilities: Electricity	£ 3,581
Water & Sewage	£ 820
Waste Management	£ 574
Maintenance: Property	£ 13,886
Ground	£ 9,439
Machinery	£ 1,286
Club Development Projects	£ 5,582
Material Purchases	£ 98,880
Other Payments	£ 883
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	£ 141,644
Surplus/ Deficit for the Year	-£ 38,117
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	£ 103,527

Cash on Hand:	2022/23
Development Account	£ 35,013
Club Account	£ 6,462
Other	£ 206
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	£ 41,681

Represented by:	
Accumulated Reserves at Beginning of Account Period	£ 79,798
Surplus/ Deficit for the Year	-£ 38,117
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	£ 41,681

Prepared and submitted by Mrs Jane Fagg.

29 February 2024

2023/24

£	11,055
£	12,529
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£	-
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£ 446,493

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£	539
£	247
£	9,853
£	1,893
£	391,552
£	1,720
£	250

£ 416,893

£ 29,600

£ 446,493

2023/24

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£	304

£ 71,281

£	41,681
£	29,600

£ 71,281

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Whitwick & District u3a AGM 2023

Report from the Chair

This will be my last report from the chair and despite a difficult start in the midst of the pandemic it is pleasing to report that our u3a is in a good 'state of health'. Our membership is still strong, and our groups have continued to enjoy their activities throughout the past year.

Thank you to all our Group Leaders who have kept things going during the past 3 years during which time many difficulties have been overcome.

I attended the u3a trust meeting back in October 2022 and it would be fair to say that proposals put forward by the board regarding future fee increases fell at the first hurdle with over 20 amendments to the proposals put forward during a lengthy debate, none of which obtained the necessary majority, watch this space.

Our own u3a held a 'new members interest meeting' back in June and the event was well supported, similar events are being planned. It was good to see our Group Leaders Lunch resume after a two-year absence. Some 39 attendees enjoyed the event which included discussions regarding several topics relevant to our u3a development, some of which have resulted in new ideas being implemented for the benefit of the members.

We are always looking for those members who would like to join our committee and assist in the running of our u3a. It was pleasing to welcome new members during the past year.

Finally, I must say a big thank you to all who have served and are still serving either on the Committee or in office over the past 3 years, it has been a pleasure to work alongside you.

MERSHAM SPORTS CLUB - CLUB ACCOUNT

01/03/2022 TO 28/02

INCOME:

Balance B/Fwd on 01 March 2022		£		79,798.55
Barclays Bank Rewards		£		1.60
Vice Presidents' Donations		£		660.00
Membership:				
Stripe Collections	£	8,933.96		
Other	£	66.00	£	8,999.96
Club Sections:				
200 Club	£	2,680.00		
Bar & Social Functions	£	12,000.00		
Ashford Archers	£	435.00		
Cricket Section	£	2,200.00		
Football Section	£	-	£	17,315.00
Other Sports:				
Club Golf Day	£	661.25		
EWCB Allstars & Dynamos	£	2,017.80		
Sports Camp	£	712.90	£	3,391.95
Grants:				
KCC and Local Councillor Grants	£	350.00		
Ashford Borough Council	£	50,000.00		
Football Foundation	£	5,600.00		
EW Cricket Trust	£	10,000.00	£	65,950.00
Donations:				
Charities Trust Donations (Banks)	£	1,500.00		
Martello Lodge Donation	£	750.00		
Mr Bernie Hide	£	520.00		
PayPalGiving Fund	£	24.42		
Amazon Charity Donations	£	96.13		
ABC Community Lottery	£	1,384.90		
Misc. Donations	£	166.00	£	4,441.45
Other:				
Fund-A-Post Donations	£	2,523.64		
Recycle Bank Receipts	£	243.00	£	2,766.64

TOTAL

£183,325.15

EXPENDITURE

Administration:	
Business Rates	
Insurance	
Barclays Bank A/C Charges	
Teamo and Website Fees	
Kent Playing Fields Subscription	
Play Park Annual Inspection	
Ashford Security	
Training Courses	
Utilities:	
Electricity - EDF Energy	
Castle Water Ltd	
Cesspool	
Waste Management	
Housekeeping:	
Buildings (Care & Maintenance)	
Ground (Care & Preparation)	
Machinery (Repair & Maintenance)	
Fuel (Tractor & Mowers)	
Play Park Maintenance	
Defibrillator Maintenance	
Pest Control	
Club Development:	
Purchase of 6.01 Acres +Fees	
Planning and Development (Land)	
Fencing of New Land	
Land Registry - Legal Fees	
Other:	
Toilet Refurbishment	
Purchase Yardman & Toro Mowers	
Jubilee Village Party BBQ	
Presentation Gifts	
On Hand:	
Barclays Bank Development A/C	
Barclays Bank Number 2 A/C	
Cash	

TOTAL

/2023

£	347.61		
£	3,795.31		
£	219.95		
£	187.20		
£	25.00		
£	175.00		
£	1,837.50		
£	125.00	£	6,712.57

£	3,580.69		
£	-		
£	820.00		
£	574.44	£	4,975.13

£	1,414.50		
£	9,439.49		
£	429.61		
£	856.27		
£	101.59		
£	165.60		
£	150.00	£	12,557.06

£	97,680.00		
£	1,582.20		
£	1,600.00		
£	2,400.00	£	103,262.20

£	12,471.96		
£	1,200.00		
£	345.00		
£	120.00	£	14,136.96

£	35,013.16		
£	6,461.81		
£	206.26	£	41,681.23

£183,325.15

MERSHAM SPORTS CLUB

Income and Expenditure Report for Year Ending

Income		2021/22	
Membership		£	7,983
Income from Sports Sections		£	7,762
Social Funds Raised		£	10,700
Grants:	Sports Organisations	£	28,190
	Parish & Borough Council	£	2,500
	Local & County Councillors	£	-
	COVID Business Support Grants	£	10,096
Donations		£	2,148
Other Income		£	5,387
		£	74,766

Expenditure			
Admin:	Business Rates	£	124
	Insurance	£	3,718
	Security	£	448
	Bank Charges	£	254
	Other Admin	£	535
Utilities:	Electricity	£	1,951
	Water & Sewage	£	292
	Waste Management	£	1,044
Maintenance:	Property	£	6,641
	Ground	£	9,337
	Machinery	£	2,261
	Other Maintenance	£	-
Club Development:	Plans, Surveys & Reports	£	7,650
Material Purchases		£	6,506
Equipment Purchases		£	30,670
Other Payments		£	395
		£	71,826
Surplus/ Deficit for the Year		£	2,940
		£	74,766

Cash on Hand:		2021/22	
	Development Account	£	75,019
	Club Account	£	4,728
	Other	£	51
		£	79,798

Represented by:			
	Accumulated Reserves at Beginning of Account Period	£	76,858
	Surplus/ Deficit for the Year	£	2,940
		£	79,798

I have examined the books and vouchers of Mersham Sports Club for the year to 28 and confirm that the foregoing accounts are in accordance therewith.

David C. James 30th April 2023

28 February 2023

2022/23

£	9,000
£	5,366
£	15,341
£	15,600
£	50,000
£	350
£	-
£	7,625
£	245
£	103,527

£	348
£	3,795
£	1,838
£	220
£	512
£	3,581
£	820
£	574
£	13,886
£	9,439
£	1,286
£	418
£	5,582
£	97,680
£	1,200
£	465
£	141,644
-£	38,117
£	103,527

2022/23

£	35,013
£	6,462
£	206
£	41,681

£	79,798
-£	38,117
£	41,681

February 2023

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Mersham Sports Club Annual General and Trustees Meeting Tuesday 22nd March 2022 Mersham Sports Club 7.30pm

- **Attendees @MSG**

Trustees: Jonathan (Fred) Ambler - Jane Fagg - Lesley-Ann (Leigh) Lloyd - Geoffrey (Dick) Fagg - Robert (Bob) Beaney

Members: Matthew Fagg - Ian Fagg - Steve Darlington - Christopher Darlington - Andrew Possee - Steven Edge

- **Attendees on Zoom** - Kevin Burton (Trustee) - Chelsea Lenihan - Leanne Willoughby

- **Apologies** - Pete Tomsett - Malcolm Smithers - David Fagg

- **MINTUES OF LAST AGM**

Agreed and accepted - no matters arising.

- **CHAIRS REPORT**

Good evening, Mr President, Trustees, Vice-Presidents, and Members. I'm sorry I can't be with you this evening but unfortunately the dreaded Covid has caught up with me and I decided it would be wiser not to attend.

However, look over your shoulder and I should be waving at you from the screen!!

Once again, we have had a turbulent year, with Covid putting pay too many of the much-needed fund raising events the club would normally hold through the year. Thankfully we managed to successfully hold the Halloween/fireworks night which thanks to all who helped and organise was a roaring success, bringing much needed funds to the club coffers. However, we need to have many more nights such as these to bring the clubs funds up to the levels the committee agree is a stable and manageable balance for the general running of the club. The committee appreciates that looking at the accounts you can see a very healthy balance in the development fund, we can assure you this is funds allocated for the proposed land purchase of which Fred will enlighten us more, later. The club account is our immediate concern which Jane will cover in her report.

There is a proposal from the committee to increase membership fees and this will be discussed when the time comes on the agenda. The





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reason will become clear once you have heard The Treasurers report and the need for us to cover what is a fast-growing day to day running cost of the club.

It is great to see the involvement of so many coaches, volunteers, helper's getting involved with this brilliant club of ours. But the truth is we are growing year by year and the committee needs help? New faces, young blood to bring a fresh look to the club and its direction. So, we as the committee are asking you to get involved. If there's something you would like to do, an event, run the bar or BBQ, an idea or a committee position then let someone from your section or the main committee know. Now is the time to get involved. We would love to see you

When you are watching or playing your game of football, cricket, Archery, Bat & Trap, on which ever day just take a moment and think, how lucky am I to be a part of this club.

And the reason for that is the people who selfishly give their time so you can enjoy everything this club offers.

So now we come to the thankyou's which we don't do enough of all year, but the AGM is that time.

So, To Jane our treasurer who has the unenviable task of keeping the books straight, but does so, without a moan or groan, well maybe sometimes, but we thank her for everything she does.

Leigh who has more jobs than I can list but does them so wonderfully well and who we would certainly not function as a club without her.

To the goodly man reading this report, Fred, who has worked so tirelessly in achieving what we hope will be the new land. But not only this, supports me in so many ways, not just my truss, but on the committee.

It has to be said that all the committee members give their time for free so that we can enjoy the benefits. And so, as we thank all those involved through the evening for the part, they play in our clubs' structure please take note of how many people we have making this club the club all others envy!

Anyway at least we have managed a full sporting calendar, with all sections completing their seasons mainly uninterrupted by Covid although the weather took its toll in the summer! I'm sure all the sections will get us up to date as the evening progresses.

Thank you all

Bertie





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• SECRETARY'S REPORT

Good evening, All

I don't have much to add to what Bertie has so eloquently put but would like to extend my thanks to all the volunteers within the club. Working on the grant applications for Sport England and the Football Foundation has really highlighted what a great and successful club we are and one that I am very proud to be a part of.

This year has seen a change of committee for the Football Section, and I would like to thank Malcolm, Dave and Vic for their help and dedication over the years. I plan to leave my role as football secretary at the end of the season - so if you know anyone who wants a committee roll! I wish Pete Tomsett our new Chair and the new committee continued success.

It has been lovely to see more people come forward and offer to help at events and do a shift behind the bar, or even take on their own events - this can only be a positive move and something we should continue to encourage.

Leigh

• TREASURER'S REPORT CLUB ACCOUNT YEAR ENDING 28/02/2022

- The year started with £76,858 brought forward.
- Membership of £7,982 was received together with £1,130 from Vice President donations. We are very grateful for their support and hopefully we will get to see more of them this coming year.
- The 200 Club raised £2,700 and Bar and Social functions brought in £8,000. Many thanks to all those involved in raising these funds.
- The Cricket section transferred £4,000 of their excess funds to the Club, and the Football section £2,500.
- The EWCB Allstars and Dynamos programmes have raised £1,262.
- Grants totalling £10,096 have been received as part of the Government's Small Business COVID Support Scheme. This brings the total received throughout the pandemic to £28,193.





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- The Football Foundation gave grants of £17,520 towards the new tractor and mower; £5,070 for the quadraplay; and £5,600 towards expenses for groundwork.
- Mersham Parish Council gave a further donation of £2,500 towards the Club Development project; many thanks for all their support.
- The Savannah Trust supported our Golf Day giving us a donation of £800; Amazon Smile transactions raised £60; ITV gave a donation of £50 following filming at the ground; and the Bikers group collected £107 at The Farriers for us.

Thanks go to all those people and organisations that have supported us, and to those who have worked to secure the donations.

- Money received from the sale of scrap mowers, old chairs and the pool table came to £5,041 and the Recycle Bank raised £342.
- We paid £124 of the £486 due in Business Rates. The full amount being £2,432 with 80% Mandatory Relief. We were also given £362 discount as part of the COVID Small Business Support Scheme.
- The Insurance premium for the Club and Officers this year was £3,398 with the cost of Insuring the tractor for use on the highway £320.
- Bank charges came to £254.
- the Teamo Sportplan package £300..
- Ashford Security costing £448.
- Other admin expenses totalled £235.
- Costs for electricity, water, sewage, and waste management were £3,287.
- Housekeeping and maintenance of the buildings, including refurbishment, was £6,641.
- Ground care and preparation came to £9,337 the extra expenses being supported by the Football Foundation grant.
- Repairs, maintenance, and fuel for ground equipment was £2,161.
- Club Development costs were £1,140 for a feasibility study and £3,360 for specification/design of new playing field.
A survey for drainage and levelling cost £1,350.
Farrer & Co. legal fees for the sale of the land are, so far, £1,800.
- A new tractor and mower cost £23,735 and quadraplay £6,759.
As previously indicated grants from The Football Foundation helped enormously towards these purchases, resulting in a net cost to the Club of £7,904 for the two items.
- Other purchases made include a storage unit, outdoor benches, gazebos, glasswasher, indoor tables, and chairs, totalling £4,626.





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- We have been a little lavish with our spending this year, but we needed to make the necessary provisions for social distancing and a clean environment to help control the spread of Covid.
- To this end we have, hopefully, made good use of the Government Grants given to us. Leigh, Lisa and all the other ladies who helped with a paint brush, have done a lovely job making the place look clean and presentable; while Bertie and others have carried out all the necessary DIY tasks to make it user friendly.
- Many thanks to all for spending their valuable time on the project, they've done a marvellous job.
- Money previously donated to us by the Village Fete Committee paid for a damaged section of the perimeter fence to be replaced.
- Other payments came to £394.
- At the end of the year the Club has £75,019 in The Development Account, an increase of £7,323 from last year.
- The Business Account has a balance of £4,728 and there is £51 in cash. The old Santander Account has now been closed.
- We end the year with £79,798 to carry forward.
- Following on from this AGM Mr David James, once again, will be carrying out an audit of the accounts before I submit a copy, with his report, to The Charity Commission.

Jane Fagg

Club Treasurer.

- MF queried the bank charges - when paying in cash we are quite heavily charged.
- SD questioned why there were not 2 cheques from the Forrester's
- £500 from charity match for an event had missed the end of year.
- SE stated without the council COVID grant we would have had a very difficult year

• WELFARE /SAFEGUARDING OFFICIERS REPORT

One issue in cricket this season which will be resolved by the season start. MF has made all club members aware of all the welfare officers within the club - would like to get them all together for a meeting and would like to observe coaches and parents at least once a year.



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Teamo - it has been highlighted that not all members have filled out the teamo membership correctly - there is photo consent missing as well as parents not accepting the codes of conduct.

We need to go through the membership questions to see which members / parents have offered to help and contact them.

- BB questioned if there was a central log of who is DBS checked? Currently this is held independently by each section - would be good to have a central point of information.

• DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Good Evening

I have been looking back at the previous updates from the development committee and often we have had to report bad news however on this occasion I feel we have reason to be optimistic about the chances of buying and converting the land next to our existing ground.

ABC have offered £50000 towards the project; however as usual this is proving hard to confirm and if we can put it with £70000 that we have which includes Parish council money and buy the land.

We have also met with the Football Foundation, and they appear keen to help and have told us to apply for £250000, Leigh is now in the process of doing the application form which as you can imagine is rather onerous, all sections may well be asked to assist with data for this.

Sport England had originally offered us £90000 towards the new pavilion, they contacted us and said that if the pavilion was not going to be built this year than they would withdraw their offer. We then asked if they would consider putting the money towards the land instead.

This is now being considered by them but the fact the ABC and the Football foundation are getting involved may help persuade SE to give us some funding.

If all parties agree to help this would bring us to £460000 towards the project which is standing at £483000 so not far off.





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Although this is by no means a done deal, we are optimistic that we can purchase the land.

This whole process has been lengthy and quite often difficult and frustrating, but Bertie and Leigh have worked tirelessly to keep the project alive, and Jane is always there to help with the finances. Thanks also to Sarah for all her hard work with the legal side of the land and to all sections for providing information when required.

Let's hope we finally pull this thing off!

Cheers Fred

• **GROUNDS KEEPER REPORT**

Well from a groundsman's perspective, I have to say that the difficult times we have encountered over the last 2 years, have resulted in Mersham Sports Club gaining a bit of a bonanza with regards to grant awards for new machinery and Pitch Improvements being gained from our friends at the Football Foundation, these grants have resulted in a new tractor and rotary mower, and a multi-use implement that can slit, rake, roll and brush (or any combination of the 4) in one pass.

I think this report is the very first where I can say that everything, we currently have in the equipment garage, actually starts and works as it should. That includes the new equipment that I have already mentioned, the Fairway cylinder mower, Roller, 2 X 36-inch mowers, 2 pedestrian mowers, a hayter mower, strimmer, and leaf blower. What a bonus that is as we approach the busy spring growing season.

Over the past 18 months we have invested more in the maintenance and improvements of the playing surfaces than we have ever done in previous years, and we hope the work results in better playing surfaces for all our sports.

Work carried out includes twice yearly vertidrainage (1st of 2022 carried out this afternoon please see 8-inch-deep holes over complete playing area) this process serves 2 purposes in providing aeration and greater root depth for the grass and aids drainage by providing a route for surface water to feed through soil.

We are also having overseeding done on an annual basis towards the end of the football season (this was also done this afternoon - see slits across playing areas in which 400kgs of sports grass seed has been planted.)



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To accompany the above processes, we are also applying fertilizer on an annual basis, and having weed killer applied during the spring growing period.

With our pitch improvement grant putting a total of £22,400 towards making our pitches better over the next 6 years, I am happy to report that things are looking well set for the next few years with regards to our playing surfaces. One thing that could increase our running is that the government are changing the rules and regulations for the use of Red Diesel in certain machinery, these new regulations start from the 1st April, and we are still looking at how they will affect us with regards to fuel for our machinery. I will keep the committee posted on any news which we find out about this.

Ian Fagg MSC Groundsman

• BAR AND SOCIAL REPORT

The last year has been a very good year for bar takings - just as well as Covid meant that we were unable to undertake all our planned social events, except for fireworks night.

In all, bar takings amounted to just over £15000, with a gross profit of £6700. Looking back, I believe these are record figures for the club in themselves.

We continue to maintain an average gross profit margin of around 44%, largely due to the draught beer system we use (which sees no wastage) and careful buying.

Firework night was a huge success, both in terms of attendance and financially, allowing us to recoup the funds invested in fireworks 2 years ago. However, with additional fireworks purchased this year the overall spend (inc sponsorship) was c£2500. To be able to put on such a display again would raise several issues, not least finding a new sponsor and sorting issues around numbers attending.

A massive thank you to all the volunteers on the night, including Bertie and Sam, John and Deb for the bar and Dick and his 'possee' for the BBQ - we were all incredibly busy.

Whether we try and repeat will be discussed at the next committee meeting - including issues of weather and ground damage.

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This year the bar has transferred £8000 to the club - we made as much from bar sales as the club raises in its entire membership fees.

I intend to continue to do everything I can to maximise our profit while keeping prices as low as is reasonably possible for our members and guests. In my view, there is no point putting in effort to organise and getting the bar open or organising events if they do not make money - as we have seen this year, membership fees do not cover running expenses so all else we raise enables us to invest in all aspects of improving the club.

GOING FORWARD

I have retained slightly more cash than normal at year end to allow me some leeway in discussions with suppliers about purchasing stock before prices rise.

Hopefully this year will allow us to see the return of money making events. We are always looking for reliable help and have recently familiarised a couple of further committee members with the card machine.

As in the last couple of years, if the ground is being used for matches in the summer, we intend to make sure the bar is manned

On a slightly annoying note, it does remain a source of weakness that we cannot lock the bar away from the kitchen. I am aware of few instances of stock taken without being paid for and Leigh is printing a notice to remind people they are on camera!

No one is entitled to free drinks or a chocolate bar.

Thanks again to Deb and John for all their help in the last 12 months.

Steve Edge
Hon Bar Steward

• CRICKET REPORT

Cricket AGM was held last week - DF wanted to step down as Chair, and MF was happy to take over, however there may be a conflict of interest with his job, he is looking into this but will take the role of Vice Chair working with DF.

League have decided to continue without the offer of cricket teas - this has improved the speed and length of the game and most now finish at around 6.30pm which allows plenty of time for socialising - Deb Southern





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has been selling snacks as she did throughout COVID – thanks to Deb and Steve for covering the bar and thanks too go to the grounds team.

1st 11 came 5th in league
Saturday 2nd 3rd in league
Sunday T20 4th in league
Ladies 6th in league

Juniors had had quite a successful season.

AllStars and Dynamos will be once again on a Friday evening – this worked well and gave a good income though the bar. Approx. 40 children in each section.

WAGS softball will also be on a Friday night.

Cricket week had a revamp with some ex-players returning for some of the events and would be good to continue with this. Electronic scoreboard on its way from the kind donations from the Forresters and Mr. Darlington.

Hope to have matches live streamed.

Indoor training going well so far – ladies have recently won an indoor competition.

Get set week set for 2/3rd April

- **FOOTBALL REPORT**

Unfortunately, the new Chair and previous chair were not in attendance. However, LL had previously thanked the old committee and wished the new committee every success. LL also stated the season had been going well so far without issues – the leagues were predicted to continue into May, but coaches had been made aware that no football matches were to be played at MSC from the end of April.

- **ARCHERY REPORT**

Now have 19 registered members with 14 active including 5 juniors and 2 wheelchair archers.
Hope to add another 6 in the spring.

- **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Chair - Kevin Burton
Vice Chair - Fred Ambler
Secretary - Leigh Lloyd
Treasurer - Jane Fagg



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Nominated by Dick Fagg – Seconded by Stephen Darlington

Welfare Officer – appointed person - Matt Fagg

Bar & Social Committee

Bar Chair – Steve Edge

Other Committee members Leigh Lloyd
 Jane Fagg
 Lisa Webb

Nominated by Andrew Possee – Seconded by Stephen Darlington

• **MEMBERSHIP FEES**

The Treasurer has recommended that due to the shortfall of funds that the club faces with the increases in all bills that membership should be raised to £38 for adults and £18 for juniors which could be paid in installments. The club membership was contacted with this information prior to the AGM.

The club membership fees should be sufficient for the club to run without other monies.

The matter was voted upon, and no objections received – increase to Membership fees was accepted.

Bat & Trap membership will stand at £12.

The classification of a junior member is Under 18.

- **AOB**
- CL – looking for a Football Secretary – if anyone knows anyone who may be interested, please let her know.
- BB – Ashford Lottery – we currently have 58 tickets a week in the lottery raising funds for MSC which assuming this remains consent will add approximately £1500 to the development fund annually.

- SE – following feedback from some members we are looking to add a third pump to the bar to install draught cider.
- IF – defib is registered with the national service.
- FA – Panto Dial M for Mersham is set for March 2023 if COVID allows – will need helpers and actors!





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- FA – Play Park will have its annual service in May.
- FA – New sports club sign is approaching its final draft.
- FA – MSC hosting the Mersham Village Queens Jubilee event – Caroline Fletcher has secured funding from Paul Bartlett for a new BBQ.
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Meeting closed 9.16pm



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MERSHAM SPORTS CLUB - CLUB ACCOUNT

01/03/20201 TO 28/02,

INCOME:

Balance B/Fwd		£		76,858.31
Barclays Bank Rewards		£		4.35
Membership:				
Stripe Collections	£	7,982.75		
Other Methods	£	-	£	7,982.75
Vice President Donations			£	1,130.00
Club Sections:				
200 Club	£	2,700.00		
Bar & Social Functions	£	8,000.00		
Ashford Archers	£	-		
Cricket Section	£	4,000.00		
Football Section	£	2,500.00	£	17,200.00
Other Sports				
EWCB Allstars (Net)	£	1,262.20		
Sports Camp (Net Profit)	£	-	£	1,262.20
Grants:				
COVID Business Support	£	10,096.00		
Football Foundation	£	28,190.00	£	38,286.00
Donations:				
Mersham Parish Council	£	2,500.00		
Savannah Trust (Golf Day)	£	800.00		
Amazon Smile Charity Donations	£	60.65		
Misc. Donations	£	157.25	£	3,517.90
Other:				
Sale of Scrap, Mowers, Etc	£	4,741.00		
Sale o Chairs and Pool Table	£	300.00		
Recycle Bank Receipts	£	342.00	£	5,383.00

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EXPENDITURE

Administration:	
Business Rates	
Insurance (Club & Officers)	
Tractor Insurance (Road Use)	
Barclays Bank Charges	
Teamo Sportplan Package	
Website Fees	
Kent Playing Fields Subscription	
Play Park Annual Inspection	
Ashford Security	
Courses	
Utilities:	
Electricity	
Water	
Cesspool	
Waste Management	
Housekeeping:	
Property (Housekeep. & Maintenance)	
Ground (Care & Preparation)	
Ground Equipment (Repairs & Main.)	
Fuel (Tractor & Mowers)	
Club Development:	
New Land Surveys and Legal Fees	
Other:	
Tractor, Quadreplay & Tines	
Roller Shutter Storage Unit	
Perimeter Fencing	
Outdoor Benches & Gazebos	
Indoor Tables, Chairs & Glasswasher	
Other Payments	
On Hand:	
Barclays Bank Development Account	
Barclays Bank Number 2 Account	
Cash	

/2022

£	124.14		
£	3,398.35		
£	319.99		
£	254.00		
£	299.88		
£	-		
£	25.00		
£	175.00		
£	447.90		
£	35.00	£	5,079.26

£	1,950.87		
£	51.93		
£	240.00		
£	1,044.09	£	3,286.89

£	6,641.04		
£	9,337.47		
£	1,189.90		
£	1,071.10	£	18,239.51

£ 7,650.00

£	30,669.60		
£	400.00		
£	1,880.00		
£	1,243.60		
£	2,982.60		
£	394.50	£	37,570.30

£	75,019.28		
£	4,728.02		
£	51.25	£	79,798.55

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Income and Expenditure Report for Year End

Income	2021	
Membership	£	6,722
Income from Sport Sections	£	4,500
Social Funds Raised	£	6,400
Grants: Sports Organisations	£	4,000
Mersham & Sevington Parish Council	£	2,500
COVID Business Support Grants	£	18,097
Donations	£	1,732
Other Income	£	2,523
Sale of Assets	£	1,967
County Court Judgement (Mr I.Dunning)	£	1,050
	<u>£</u>	<u>49,491</u>

Expenditure		
Business Rates	£	41
Insurance	£	3,266
Security	£	805
Admin: Subscriptions	£	25
Website & Teamo Sportplan Fees	£	343
Secretarial & Other Admin	£	6
Bank Charges	£	131
Utilities: Electricity	£	1,112
Water	£	555
Waste Management	£	960
Property Maintenance & Housekeeping	£	540
Ground Maintenance & Preparation	£	8,529
Ground Machinery Maintenance & Servicing	£	1,640
Ground Care Equipment Purchases	£	2,400
Club Development Plans, Surveys & Reports	£	10,162
Material Purchases	£	192
Other Payments & Hospitality	£	-
Memorial Donations	£	100
	<u>£</u>	<u>30,807</u>
Surplus/ Deficit for the Year	£	18,684
	<u>£</u>	<u>49,491</u>

Cash on Hand:	2021	
Barclays Account	£	9,072
Development Account	£	67,696
Other	£	90
	<u>£</u>	<u>76,858</u>

Represented by:		
Accumulated Reserves at Beginning of Account Period	£	58,174
Surplus/ Deficit for the Year	£	18,684
	<u>£</u>	<u>76,858</u>

Prepared and submitted by Jane Fagg.

I have examined the books and vouchers of Mersham Sports Club for the year to 28 Feb that the foregoing accounts are in accordance therewith.

David C. James 29 September 2022

ling 28 February 2022

2022

£ 7,983
£ 7,762
£ 10,700
£ 28,190
£ 2,500
£ 10,096
£ 2,148
£ 346
£ 5,041

£ 74,766

£ 124
£ 3,718
£ 448
£ 25
£ 300
£ 35
£ 254
£ 1,951
£ 52
£ 1,284
£ 6,641
£ 9,337
£ 2,436
£ 30,670
£ 7,650
£ 6,506
£ 200
£ 195

£ 71,826

£ 2,940

£ 74,766

2022

£ 4,728

£ 75,019

£ 51

£ 79,798

£ 76,858

£ 2,940

£ 79,798

bruary 2022 and confirm

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Mersham Sports Club Annual General and Trustees Meeting Tuesday 9th March 2021 Mersham Sports Club 7.00pm via Zoom

- **Attendees**

Trustees:

Kevin Burton - Jonathan Ambler - Jane Fagg - Lesley-Ann (Leigh) Lloyd - Malcolm Smithers - Geoffrey (Dick) Fagg - Robert (Bob) Beanie - Peter Turley (Parish Council)

Members:

John Southern - Debbie Southern - Trevor Dawes - Matthew Fagg - Ian Fagg - Steve Darlington - Lisa Webb - David Fletcher - Martin McDonough - Oli Mason - Peter Tomsett.

- **No Apologies**

- **Minutes of last AGM approved.**

- **Chair's report**

Mr President, Trustees, members, thank you all for attending this evening.

Let me open the meeting by saying how strange it seems to be holding an AGM sat indoors looking at loads of faces on a screen and not in the club house!

This is a good time to thank Leigh for sorting out this Zoom meeting and making it all possible.

Before we start, I would just like to say how strange and difficult times have been over the last year with very little sport on offer and the dreaded Covid.

Restricting our activities massively. These have been worrying times and scary times but hopefully with the vaccine we are coming to the end of this nightmare and we will once again be playing sport at the MSG.

It would seem that with the lack of activity at the ground and everyone confined to their own 4 walls Mersham Sports Club would be placed on hold until the Covid had passed.

How wrong could we be!! The club has been busy, busy, busy. We have achieved CIO status; this is a new charity status for the club which will assist us for many reasons in the future. (More on that latter). We can safely say that the efforts of Sarah Hartels completing all the legal requirements for obtaining the CIO along with the back up from Leigh Lloyd and Jane Fagg, they have seen us



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through all of the red tape to accomplish the club's accreditation as a CIO. Sarah remains very much involved with not only the CIO but helping us with all the legal requirements for the Land registration, ground purchase and anything else we throw her way. She has been a blessing, dealing with all the legal stuff that would have cost a fortune to resolve if we had to do it ourselves. The club cannot thank her enough.

I think it's time to say a big thankyou to Leigh Lloyd who for those who don't know her, works tirelessly for the good of this club. She has taken on many roles, secretary of the club, she is on the development committee keeping both Fred and I in check and doing all the work on our behalf. She organises all the football sections correspondence organising matches and match rota's and keeps the Football section in order. Along with Steve Edge she is the on the social/bar committee the list is endless..... It seems to me she could do with some more jobs!!! Well done Leigh and thank you for all your devotion and hard work, the club can't function without you.

As we have mentioned the Development committee have been hard at work trying to achieve the goal of a new club house and additional land as set out in the club's development plan for the long-term future of MSC.

We will hear more about where we are with this in Fred's report, but I would like to take the opportunity of thanking Fred for all he has done since taking on the role as Vice Chair of the club and Chair of the development committee. I know how hard he has worked on this project and how time consuming it has been, he also adds so much to the general running of the club and helps me with the workload as Chair I can't begin to show how much this means and I can't thank him enough, well until the bar is back open!!

I've already mentioned Jane Fagg our treasurer and we have to take time to thank her for all the work she has done with the accounts over the last few years with not only the sports club account but the development account which is now of business proportions. Along with this her contribution to achieving the new club constitution and CIO status has been vital to the clubs success. We shall hear from Jane shortly and we can all appreciate the time and effort she gives to the club keeping the books straight! Many thanks Jane

Finally, before we get into the meeting, I would like to minute a big club thankyou to Malcolm Smithers, who among his many roles on the football section, has sourced, arranged and delivered the new sales suite to the ground. This will prove to be an invaluable addition in the short term whilst the new club house is built.

Whilst we prepare for the end of the football season and the start of a new Archery and cricket season let's just reflect on how lucky Mersham, as a club, are to have such an abundance of members willing to help with the running, development and security of its future. I have mentioned just a few of the main committee but as we proceed through this meeting and we hear from the



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various sections let's take the time to sing the praises of all the members out there that are contributing their own time and effort, for free, making MSC the envy of all, and the club other clubs wish they could be!!!

Here's to good days ahead.

• Treasurer's Report

CLUB ACCOUNT YEAR ENDING 28/02/2021

- The year started with £58,174 brought forward.
- Membership of £6,722 was received, an increase of £200 over last year which is surprising given the year that it has been.
- The 200 Club raised £2,700 and Bar and Social functions brought in £3,700. Well done to all those involved in raising these funds.
The Cricket section transferred £2,000 and the Football section £2,500 of excess funds to the Club.
The EWCB Allstars programme and the summer Sports Camp unfortunately could not take place.
- Mersham and Sevington Parish Council gave a grant of £2,500 towards the building of the new clubhouse and club development.
Grants totalling £18,097 have been received as part of the Government's Small Business COVID Support Scheme.
- This is approximately the amount required to maintain the club; Insurance, Security, Admin, Utilities and upkeep of pavilion, ground and machinery being £17,953.
A grant of £2,500 was received from the Football Foundation and £1,500 from EWCB to contribute towards expenses for groundwork.
- Thanks go to the Vice Presidents who made donations of £570, we are very grateful for their support. Hopefully, we will see more of them this coming year.
- Match Funding of £1000 was received via The Charities Aid Foundation for last February's Murder Mystery.
The Savannah Trust supported our Golf Day giving us an income of £800, Kent County Cricket Club gave us £150 after using the ground and Amazon Smile passed on £12 from charity transactions.
Thanks go to all those people and organisations that have supported us and also to those who have worked to secure the payments.
- Particular thanks must go to Mr J. Burns who raised £1,393 for the Club by taking part in a charity bike ride.
- Money received from the Recycle Bank was £330.



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- As a result of the County Court case brought against Mr I. Dunning the Club received £1,050 this year. This means that we have now received all of the £3,900 that was awarded to us and the case is now closed.
 - With our change to being a charity we lost our 100% relief on Business Rates so were charged £40 for the period ending 31March 2020. We would have had to pay £486 for 2020/21 but were given this as a discount as part of the COVID Small Business Support Scheme. We may be able to apply for 100% relief again if we meet the criteria required.
 - The insurance premium for this year was £3,266, the cost of security £805 and all other admin expenses totalled £505.
 - A refund of £1,000 was received from EDF for electricity, but general running costs for the year have been in line with that of previous years.
 - Utilities were £2,627 and £10,710 was for care and maintenance of the pavilion, ground, and ground equipment.
 - Groundwork expenses did total £8,529 but the extra expenses were offset by the £4,000 of grants received.
 - Replacement ground machinery cost £2,400 but sale of old mowers raised £1,967.
 - Club Development cost £913 for plans and £2,619 in planning application fees.
 - Report's cost £2,010 for structural design, £1,020 for Quantity surveyor and £3,600 for an Agronomist.
 - At the end of the year the Club has £67,696 in The Development Account, £9,072 in the Business Account, £42 with Santander and £47 in cash.
 - The old Santander Account has not yet been closed as it is being used by Ashford Borough Council to pay COVID Grants despite having been given our Barclays Account details.
- We end the year with £76,858 to carry forward.

Jane Fagg
Club Treasurer.

• Safeguarding Officer's report

A busier than usual year in terms of welfare due to the amount of and ever-changing nature of COVID 19 guidance and restrictions placed upon the club and its activities.

I think all sections have adapted well to these and made the most of the opportunities we have had to play, ensuring that coaches and managers have provided a safe environment for all club users.

Work on these will continue into the summer to ensure that we are able to meet requirements and provide as much activity as we can, as soon as we can.



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I am only aware of a few incidents during the year to report on.

- One a COVID case within the cricket section that resulted in one of the teams being shut down shortly after we restarted in June, thankfully lesson was learned, and restrictions tightened.
- An ongoing issue around general player behaviour within the senior cricket section, this will be addressed with the cricket section bringing in addition Player and Coach standard documents to go alongside the club codes of conduct.
- An issue within the Junior football around a parent and non-club activities that I believe has been resolved by the football section.

Thanks to all the section welfare and safeguarding volunteers who have waded through the mountains of information from governing bodies during the year to get activities going, and thanks to the coaches, players and spectators for all adhering to the guidance.

• Vice Chair & Development report

Good evening

In what has been a difficult year the development committee has worked tirelessly to overcome the hurdles put in front of us.

We feel that we are now in a good place and with many of the boxes ticked we will be able to progress.

We are now a registered charity and the purchase of the land is progressing well with all the relevant surveys done and the ECB wanting to assist with putting a wicket in.

We have at last got planning for the new pavilion which complies with FF ECB and Sport England criteria and we will be going for tender soon.

Also, on Friday we got planning permission for the portacabin so that can now be used and gives us more options.

On Thursday we have a zoom meeting with FF Sport England ECB and ABC to see where we are with funding.

Sadly, our bid coincides with the worst economic downturn in a lifetime however we remain optimistic, and the government are pushing for more support for grass roots sport.

I am sure there is still much work to be done to achieve our goal, but we will keep working hard to try and get there.

Thanks to the development committee for all their hard work and to Sarah for her sterling efforts.

Also, thanks to the Sports club committee for all their support.

Cheers Fred

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Concerns were expressed over the drainage issues on new land – currently the drainage ditches surrounding the grounds are full to overflow – how will this be managed on new ground?

Trevor Dawes (U7 Football coach) – will pay dividends to undertake the drainage works properly eg the Ridgeway at Smeeth has been playable for almost all of this extremely wet season.

The drainage is a requirement for any funding by the FF and we have sort quotes which are in the region of £160k to make the land fit for purpose – this includes the drainage system deemed appropriate by the agronomist who carried out land surveys etc.

TD explained there are various things such as balancing ponds – deeper ditches etc which will hold the drained water and slowly irrigate to local water courses – seek advice from engineers.

- **Ground's report**

Ground Report for Mersham Sports Ground, April 2020 through to April 2021

With the announcement of the national lockdown on March 23rd, 2020, that resulted in the cancellation of the remainder of the 2020 football season, and the delay to the start of the Cricket season, it gave us a great opportunity to do some renovation work on the sports ground playing areas.

The work listed below has all been completed during Summer 2020: -

With the assistance of a £2,500 grant from the Football Foundation, and a £1,500 grant from the ECB we used local sports turf company Judges and Son to firstly carry out scarification and overseeding of the football playing areas during May, then during September they completed the end of season renovations of the cricket square, that involved, scarification, seeding and topdressing. Also, in September they carried out Verti-draining of the whole sports ground outfield.

Total cost of this work including VAT was £5,326, of which £4,000 was off set from grants received from governing bodies.

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Unfortunately, due to the extremely dry period that we had during the Summer months, we have not fully benefitted from the overseeding of the football pitches that took place, with there still being numerous bare areas following the scarification, where the seed has not germinated, despite valiant efforts by various members to get sufficient water onto the ground during the summer. However, I am pleased to report by employing Judges to do the renovations on the cricket square, it looks the best it has looked for many years with a very good grass covering.

Work taking place during Winter and Spring 2020/21.

In order to continue with the ground improvements, the following work is in progress through to April 2021 with costings as attached.

1. Apply Winter Fertilizer to Cricket Square (completed)	£90.16
2. Apply Winter Fertilizer to Football Pitches x 4 (completed)	£924.00
3. Judges to Verti-drain whole outfield during March / April (completed)	£780.00
4. Judges to Overseed Worn areas of Football pitches (Booked for w/c 15 th March 2021)	£720.00
5. Purchase of 300kgs seed from Denne's @£3.25 per kg for overseeding during April (to be delivered 15 th March 2021)	£975.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>£3,489.16</u>

I have also requested a further follow up ground inspection by Scott Byers, from the Football Association but unfortunately these inspections are on hold at the moment due to Covid19.

Differing from our earlier Lockdown, at the moment there does not appear to be any further grant money being made available from our governing bodies. So, at the moment the entire amount for the continuing Winter / Spring improvements will need to be funded from club finances.

The above listed work will be carried out, in addition to the weekly routine maintenance of the football and Cricket pitches ie regular Slitting, Brushing, Mowing and Marking that is all carried out using Club equipment.

Ian

Adequate drainage on the new land is vital - the current field has been waterlogged for much of the last 2 months.



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Number of trees need felling.

27/28th March planned for works weekend.

• Football Chair's report

I would like to thank the other members of the committee who have always been available for meetings and who make such an important contribution to the facilities we have provided for all our members. Especially Leigh who as secretary has to regularly stay on top of fixtures and the whole game system so our teams can take to the field and all the extra effort around Covid issues.

It has been a difficult year with the stopping and starting, and the difficulties getting a midweek training venue for the whole evening. Ashford school have been very good once I established the benefits of one club hiring the venue each evening. At time of writing, we are awaiting an invoice.

Membership has continued to grow with the U16's staying on to play u18 football in the ADYFL, although we did lose the u15's with the coach not continuing that was the only gap from U6's to U18's with 2 teams in the u10's. (16 junior teams and 4 adult teams count the Valiants as 1)

We did have to withdraw from Mersham School pitch (9v9) as it was unsafe due to extensive cracks creating a trip hazard over 1/3 of the pitch. There has been some limited work carried out with topsoil, but we wait to see if we can get back on there, the Head is happy for the club to have access during the weekends.

The Farriers Arms pitch (7v7) proved to be absolutely invaluable during the spring and summer months. For several weeks we had teams using it every evening and most of Saturday with the Valiants there Sunday mornings which proved very successful. John the landlord was always helpful and the relationship clearly mutually beneficial. We did put fertiliser down and get a pump, to water the pitch during the heat wave but total cost was £100. This was so important last year in keeping activity at MSG to a minimum during the field improvements. Work is on schedule for April, which is slightly earlier than normal planned use till mid July.

Sponsorship continues to come in for kits, Trevor Dawes secured a County Plumbing kit for his team with training top and then Roe Brickwork for next seasons u7's. On top of that effort, he also spent a lot of time securing the donation of the new building from orbit homes which was delivered and installed. The only outlay was the temp road which was absolutely required during all the rain. That invoice was paid by the football section and was approx. £900. Work continues inside by me and Trevor but a ramp / hard standing needs to be agreed for the frontage.

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Ball Container Solutions came in again with a set of shirts for U16's and Loftburgs Coffee a set for the U18's, although neither set have seen much action. With 20 football teams I do not propose to mention them all, but I will say we have a great bunch of coaches keeping things going. Notable last season was Rob with the first team who did a great job of bringing in the youngsters from the junior section. Rob is also taking the U7's next season, so weekends are sorted for him. The ladies team was promoted into Kent Div 1 and have played 7 games ending mid table, they were even invited to Maidstone Utd to play the first team just before lock down.

The financials - We carried forward £4174 - Subs sept to Jan amounted to 14,290, out goings included £247 in fines most of that from one incident that we took to a panel. Equipment £2012.70 this included 2 sets of goal posts full size and 9v9 subsidised 70% by the FA. £2500 to club main account, that gives a current balance of 12,784.88. We await an invoice from Ashford school for £3150 and approx. £500 to Olorun for coaches' tops. The club shop sale is still in the pipeline Olorun are finding out they cannot generate a code for a %, only a fixed amount off listed price. They are also operating on min staff.

As a look forward to the immediate future a plan has been drawn up for midweek training from 29th March and league matches on the weekend covering April. Training venues beyond April still to be finalised and dependent on the state of the school field which I have earmarked for the 3 teams playing 9v9 football in Sept.

That is a summary of the activity since my last report.
Malcolm Smithers

• Cricket Chair's report

Had a noticeably short season with no league cricket.

Thanks go to Steve and the Southern's for manning the bar, Ian for the ground's maintenance, Matt for fixtures and organizing Junior cricket, Bertie & JC for ladies cricket.

John Cunningham has taken on organising volunteering for the cricket section and is looking to get together a grounds work team together.

Hoping for a full season this year!

• Archery Chair's report

We have had a stop - start season and sadly had to cancel 2 winder tournaments and haven't been able to host any corporate events.

Expenses have been low - however have made a loss of £195.

Few potential new members.



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Concerns over scheduling in the next few months.

- **Bar & Social report**

Obviously severely handicapped by loss of more than half of the adult cricket season and all social events due to Covid.

Kids cricket was also severely curtailed, and local Bat and Trap league was cancelled.

However, somehow we managed to sell £5416 of beer, soft drinks and a bit of BBQ food, helped by some well supported Bat and Trap evening friendlies.

With a GP margin of c40% we made a profit of c£2500 which has been transferred to club funds, together with a further £1200 cash carried over from the year before.

We sincerely hope Covid allows us to resume our normal cycle of events - Fireworks Night, Burns Night, Xmas Quiz and Murder Mystery, as well as 'bar earning' events such as football presentation and cricket week.

Just on Fireworks Night, we still have safely in store and paid for the fireworks from 2019 so if we can go ahead it should be a very cash generative evening this year.

I remain committed to trying to ensure the bar is open - probably again through the patio doors again - whenever adult or kids cricket is being played all summer. Thanks again to Debbie and John for their efforts last year in ensuring this was possible.

Having maintained bar prices last year, I only anticipate a handful of price rises this, and these merely reflect small supplier cost rises I have been notified of already.

During the winter months Carlsberg have renewed our beer cooler and compressor completely free of charge so we should be all systems go as soon as the government allows.

Steve

- 200 Club - now has 92 members.



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- **Membership and Subs**

Following a separate Mersham Sports Club committee put forward that membership should be maintained at the level of £30 adult and £15 annual membership fees.

Put to vote - vote carried membership fees are to remain at £30 / £15.

- **Election of Officers**

No-one has put themselves forwards to stand for electable positions.

All current officers happy to stand for another year.

Kevin Burton - Club Chair Nominated by LA Lloyd - Seconded by M Smithers

Election on block - Nominated by K Burton - Seconded by M Smithers

Jane Fagg - Club Treasurer
L A Lloyd - Club Secretary
Jonathan Ambler - Club Vice Chair

Steve Edge - Bar & Social Chair
L A Lloyd - Bar & Social Treasurer
Jane Fagg - Bar & Social Secretary

M Fagg to remain as Welfare Officer.

Representatives from each section will still be required and co-opted in when needed.

- **Any Other Business**

Panto was due this month but has been postponed until March 2022 - Dial M for Mersham.

Trustee Accounts - these were seen and reviewed by trustees prior to AGM - show of hands approved accounts unanimously.

Meeting closed 20.25.

MERSHAM SPORTS CLUB - CLUB ACCOUNT

INCOME:

Balance B/Fwd		£	58,173.88
Membership:			
Stripe Collections	£	6,647.28	
Other Receipts	£	75.00	£ 6,722.28
Club Sections:			
200 Club	£	2,700.00	
Archery Section	£	-	
Bar & Social Functions	£	3,700.00	
Cricket Section	£	2,000.00	
Football Section	£	2,500.00	
EWCB Allstars (Net)	£	-	
Sports Camp (Net Profit)	£	-	£ 10,900.00
Grants:			
Mersham & Sevington Parish C.	£	2,500.00	
COVID Business Support	£	18,097.29	
Football Foundation	£	2,500.00	
EWCB	£	1,500.00	£ 24,597.29
Donations:			
Vice President Donations	£	570.00	
Charities Trust (Match Funding)	£	1,000.00	
Savannah Trust (Golf Day)	£	800.00	
Charity Bike Ride	£	1,393.39	
Amazon Smile Charity Donations	£	12.09	
Kent County Cricket Club	£	150.00	£ 3,925.48
Other:			
Sale of Mowers	£	1,967.00	
Recycle Bank Receipts	£	330.00	
County Court Receipts	£	1,050.00	£ 3,347.00

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EXPENDITURE

Administration:			
Business Rates	£	40.55	
Insurance	£	3,265.82	
Kent Playing Fields Subscription	£	25.00	
Ashford Security	£	804.60	
Website	£	43.20	
Teamo Package	£	299.88	
Barclays Bank Charges (Net.)	£	131.15	
Postage	£	5.78	£ 4,615.98
Utilities:			
Electricity	£	1,112.45	
Water	£	554.89	
Cesspool	£	440.00	
Waste Management	£	520.12	£ 2,627.46
Housekeeping:			
Property (Main. & Housekeeping)	£	540.57	
Ground (Care & Preparation)	£	8,529.12	
Ground Equipment (Repairs & Main)	£	1,556.37	
Fuel (Mowers etc.)	£	84.00	£ 10,710.06
Club Development:			
Planning Applications	£	2,619.00	
Plans	£	913.00	
Structural Design Report	£	2,010.00	
Quantity Surveyor Report	£	1,020.00	
Agronomist Report	£	3,600.00	£ 10,162.00
Other:			
Purchase of Roller	£	1,800.00	
Purchase of Cylinder Mower	£	600.00	
COVID Banner & Housekeeping	£	182.12	
Donation to Pilgrims Hospice	£	100.00	£ 2,682.12
On Hand:			
Barclays Bank Development Account	£	67,696.49	
Barclays Bank Number 2 Account	£	9,072.26	
Santander Account	£	42.56	
Cash	£	47.00	£ 76,858.31

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I have examined the books and vouchers of the Mersham Sports Club for the year to 28th February 2021 and confirm that the foregoing accounts are in accordance therewith.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David C James', is written over a horizontal dotted line.

David C James

29 September 2021