

LEIGH-ON –MENDIP RECREATION FIELD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

CHAIR'S REPORT FOR AGM May 2024

We have had a busy and exciting year at the rec, with grants achieved from the National Lottery, the Garfield Weston Foundation, LoM Parish Council, Whatley Quarry, the Halecombe Community fund, the Sperring Charity, and the Somerset Association of Local Councils Health and Wellbeing Fund. We also benefitted from the sale of prints and paintings by Mike Bloxham , a special tea by author Lizzie Leigh and the Nursery Rhyme trail organised by Vik Batten

We are grateful to all our sponsors and all that helped within the village to put on events to raise funds for "THE CORONATION PARK" which is now open and giving pleasure to many of the young people in the village.,

This was a massive undertaking for our small committee and I would like to extend my gratitude to them for their dedication for this project and especially David who worked so hard to secure the grants.

One of the grants we had was used to buy hedging for areas in the park. We put out a plea for help to plant this and we were totally over whelmed by the number of villagers who came to help.

We still have more equipment to install in the park and this will be completed this summer.

Cricket

It is with great sadness that we learnt that the Leigh cricket team has folded. Cricket has been taking place for many decades on the Rec and I know I am not alone when I say we will miss it greatly.

Tuesday Night Bowls

Bowls on the rec. continued last summer, with a few more members joining in.

This is a fun session that anyone can join, it gives people the opportunity to meet new people get some gentle exercise and, most importantly, have fun!

If you would like to participate, it will start early May. Times 6.30 to 8pm Tuesday evenings.

Football

Coleford Athletic Youth Football Club are continuing to use the field and we are delighted to hear they will be making more use of the field next season and during the summer with 4 teams playing.

Fund Raising events

We have continued with our monthly bonus ball draw and we thank everyone that has contributed to this.

Vanessa very kindly ran the Wreath making workshop at Christmas, and people again went away with their wonderful creations.

Thanks also to Des and Wendy Worley for running the excellent, (if challenging!), quiz night.

Finance

Our finances are currently in a healthy position, but most of our reserves will be spent on the new park and community space.

Village Day

Due to the absence of the village fair last year the Rec. committee hosted a smaller event on the Rec. We are pleased to say that it had a lovely fun feel and I thank all that helped to make it so.

Events for your calendar

6th June Lighting of the beacon to celebrate D- day at dusk.

8th June Opening of Coronation Park , with special guest, BBQ and bar.

20th July village day.

11th August Family day and car rally.

Upkeep of the field

This continues to be a very big task especially with the addition of the Coronation park and the committee do their best to keep this in hand. We do however need and accept any help in this area. So if you have any spare time we would be very grateful for any help that is offered. Please just contact any member of the team for job suggestions. There are a lot of things going on behind the scenes, such as all the secretarial jobs completed by David, financial affairs completed by Denis and general maintenance of the field and club house completed by the committee and fellow villagers. Also thanks to Frank who continues to do a lot of the donkey work at the Rec and to Matthew Bennett that pushes his trusty mower over the park and pump track.

Dogs

A polite reminder that the Rec is a **DOG ON LEAD AREA ONLY** sadly there are some people who **think this rule does not apply to them.**

We kindly ask that all dogs are on leads and dog mess is picked up in the rec. field and everywhere else in the village.

Thank yous to:-

Vanessa Barnes and all her family for continuing with the wreath making workshops at Christmas.

To All that helped plant the hedging.

To All that helped at the village day

To All that have helped organise events

All those that pick up rubbish and generally care about the Rec.

All the committee

The current committee members that help keep the Recreation field a very special place are:-

Vicky Higgins - Chair

David Pattison – Secretary

Denis Pattison- Treasurer

Alan Dagger

Ty Schlechter-

Martin Carter

Leigh on Mendip Recreation Field Management Committee

Registered Charity No 279013

Accounts for 2023

Income

Hiring	
Cricket	540.00
Football	400.00
Yacht storage	120.00
Bowls	70.00
WI	10.00
Clubhouse	10.00
Fund raising	
Bonus Club	670.00
Quiz	515.44
Centenary	509.65
Wreath making	265.96
Treasure Hunt	169.00
Coronation	361.03
Fun cricket match	196.00
Grants & Donations	
Lottery	55158.00
<i>National Lottery Community Fund - RC SW Region</i>	
Garfield Weston Foundation	10000.00
Ralph & Irma Sperring	2000.00
SALC	1750.00
Whatley Quarry	1500.00
Parish Council	1500.00
Sale of prints	1287.38
Cookswood	1000.00
Gift Aid	213.10
Amazon	29.59
Other	1.00
	78276.15

Outgoings

Coronation Park (<i>formerly Open Space</i>)	
Equipment	86185.20
Sign	48.00
Insurance	1309.23
Electricity	236.88
Water	201.53
Surveys	
Fire	48.00
Repair & maintenance	
Service of boiler	102.00
Other	937.87
Other expenses	1.00
	89069.71

End 2022

End 2023

Decrease in funds (24126.65 – 13333.09)
=£10793.56

Comparison with previous years

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Income								
Hiring								
Cricket	540	490	490	245	490	450	225	450
Football	400	400	350	300	350	150		
Bowls	70	70	95		150		160	58
Tai Chi				35				
Clubhouse etc	20	10	54		34	20		
Yacht storage	120	120	120	120	120	120	185	120
Sub-total	1150	1090	1109	700	1144	740	570	628
Fund raising								
Bonus Club	670	700	710	630	670	690	620	620
Whist drive					10	215	257	241
Wreath making	266	461	390	85	537	558	575	
Fun cricket	196	128	132		167	137	155	
Fair		288			423	386	416	493
Other	1555	455			83		507	114
Sub-total	2687	2032	1232	715	1890	1986	2529	1468
Grants & Donations	74439	7545	17852	1154		560	11	9092
VAT							71	365
Interest						2	1	1
	78276	10667	20193	2569	3034	3287	3182	11554

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Outgoings								
Annuals								
Rent to PC	1			2	1		1	
Insurance	1309	1277	1221		1202	1153	1447	796
Lottery license			20		20	20	20	40
Playing Fields								15
Sub-total	1310	1277	1241	2	1223	1173	1468	851
Utilities etc								
Electricity	237	236	196	168	183	178	208	90
Water	202	49	78	101	112	149	115	57
Gas/petrol	111		214					
Sub-total	550	285	488	269	295	327	323	147
Surveys								
Play area insp'n		144	72		54	54	54	54
Fire	48	71		15		115	165	
Tree report				84				
Sub-total	48	215	72	99	54	169	219	54
Repair & maintenance								
Field								
Grass	250							15
New goal posts	166					160		102
Playground						85		
Mower repair	332		446	202	101			
Bench/fence/signs			105	18	246	19	67	
Tree work			950					
Hedge trimming		30	40	50				
Sub-total	748	30	1541	270	347	264	67	117
Clubhouse								
Parts to fix boiler								
Service of boiler	102	102	264	96	96	404	132	
Elec inspection		634						
Decoration			700	18				
Lighting				50				
New door				269	8		27	
Sub-total	102	736	964	433	104	404	159	0
Other R & M	79	142						250
Projects								
Pump track etc			40	904			16291	3046
Refurbishment		211				259		
Coronation Park	86233	1315	54					
Shelter		5353						
Sub-total	86233	7020	94	904	0	259	16291	3046
Other expenses		26	22	10	7	29	9	
COVID19				66				
	89070	9589	4422	2053	2030	2625	18536	4465

Independent Examiner's Report to the
Leigh On Mendip Recreation Field Management Committee for the
Year ended 31 December 2023.

I have examined independently the accounts of the Leigh on Mendip Recreation Field Management Committee.

The Committee has chosen both to prepare the accounts on a receipts and payments basis and to subject its accounts to independent inspection rather than audit.

My responsibilities are to

- Identify whether or not proper accounting records have been kept
- Check that the accounts agree with the accounting records
- Look for possible significant errors in the accounts
- Check that the accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with the charity accounting regulations in so far as they apply to the receipts and payments basis.

Where matters arise from this examination that give cause for concern it is my duty to report it.

My Report

The books have been properly maintained and there is no item that gives me cause for concern or further enquiry.

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8 February 2024

