

# **DARLEY PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT**

**2020/2021**

Clearly the Covid-19 pandemic situation had a large impact on the activities of the DPFA over the last year. Nonetheless we were able to provide a safe environment for the shop, childrens' playground and the playing field. In addition to our Website ([www.dpfa.org.uk](http://www.dpfa.org.uk)) The DPFA also has a Google My Business presence where a number of people have left 5 star reviews of the shop and facilities. The Trustees were able to continue to meet via Zoom during the pandemic & as restrictions have eased, returned to in-person meetings.

There were just a few personnel changes to report for the 2020/2021 period: Laura Norwood resigned as a Trustee due to moving out of the area and Steve Willis also resigned as a trustee to be replaced by Lizzie Pybus as the Shop representative on the Trustee Committee.

Darley Village Shop continued to provide excellent service to the community with effective COVID measures & customers have been supporting the team by following protocols. Opening hours were initially reduced but have been restored to normal including Sunday opening more recently. The Café offering was also initially removed for safety reasons & the outside table put out of use both to avoid gatherings and due to the slippery surface on the outer decking. This issue was resolved by Trustees first cleaning the decking and fixing safety strips to allow year-round use. The Shop also continues with the Darley Good Neighbours Meals on Wheels.

Football activities were heavily compromised by COVID but a few matches were played and a number of training sessions held by FA accredited coaches.

We continue to have regular independent inspections of the childrens' playground and recommendations acted upon. The inspections have shown that the items in the playground - which were installed in 2000 - are in good condition for their age. We also have a willing group of parent volunteers for when tidy-up work is required.

The adult fitness equipment has started to be recommissioned with some welding work required to complete the safety restoration. The new signage & in/out gates are working well & the playground is be used safely.

The 2020 bonfire and firework display night that was planned of course fell victim to the pandemic. The Trustees are planning to run the event in 2021 subject to the continued easing of COVID restrictions.

The Trustees have identified the raised plot of land at the west end of the playing field as a key development target over the next two to three years. A number of possibilities have already been discussed. The project plan includes firming up on preferred schemes and conducting a village consultation exercise in order to gain involvement and commitment to the preferred outcome. A planning consultant has been engaged to help scope and cost the plans and assess viability. This will lead to a more detailed and effective consultation with village residents.

Finally, the trustees wish to thank all the grant providers for their very generous support in helping to fund the DPFA over a very challenging last twelve months.

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## ACCOUNTS TO DATE FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

### OPENING BALANCE - BANK

Main Account (Adjusted for unrepresented cheques)

Capital Account

Cash

Nat West as at 1 April 2020

£6,278.04

£3,028.42

£70.00

**£9,376.46**

### RECEIPTS

Hire of Pavilion/Field

Hire of Shop

Fund Raising/Events

Grants & Applications

Donations

Bonfire Night

£434.10

£5,890.00

£0.00

£21,719.00

£60.00

£0.00

### TOTAL RECEIPTS

**£28,103.10**

### EXPENDITURE

Meals Service

Bonfire & Fireworks

Rates (paid in previous year)

Playground Inspection

Insurance

Grounds Maintenance (includes Potholes)

Playground Maintenance

Signage

Decking Strips

Other Repairs

Cleaning

Sundry Expenses

£262.08

£0.00

£0.00

£234.00

£0.00

£212.86

£553.80

£1,544.56

£1,137.79

£34.49

£72.57

£754.37

### TOTAL EXPENDITURE

**£4,806.52**

### CLOSING BALANCE - BANK

Main Account (net of unrepresented cheques)

Capital Account

Cash

CLOSING BALANCE - FUNDS

£13,791.97

£18,873.99

£53.08

**£32,719.04**

RING FENCED - MEALS SERVICE remaining

**£736.22**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Darley Playing Fields Association (DPFA) for the year ended 31 March 2021.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of DPFA you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of DPFA's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of DPFA as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: *[Signature]*

Name: JAMES MCALLISTER

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies: CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

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Date: 30/01/22