



## **WINGHAM RECREATION GROUND**

Chairman's Report to the Trustees,  
Recreation Ground AGM & APA 2021/2022

I like to start my report by saying thank you all for attending this evening, I like to thank you all who has represented the committee over the past year and to a thanks to our Parish Council representative for his advice and support.

The management committee is formed by representatives from various groups who mainly use the facilities of the Recreation ground ie: Football, Cricket, Tennis, Bat & Trap; a Treasurer; the Parish Council representative; one member of the public, nominated by the parish council at the APA.

I like to thank our treasurer for past year who looks after our accounts and his advice and knowledge during our meetings.

The grounds are looked after and maintained by the contractors Harmen and Harmen which are kept looking good to a high standard, a couple of trees had to be felled on advice due to disease, the grounds are used by many during whole year by families and children using the play area and the sporting side from cricket in the summer and football in the winter, we found that many people are coming from further afield not just Wingham villagers which is good to enjoy the facilities, Many dog walkers use the grounds to walk their dogs and we have the same problem as the rest of the village of constant dog fouling not being cleaned up by irresponsible owners this has been happening for many years and all ways brought up at committee meetings so to try to kerb the situation the committee has agreed that it will be compulsory that dogs are walked on leads at all times whilst using the grounds, how this will implemented over the coming months will be drawn up and rolled out hopefully this will help to eliminate the problem.

Due to unsocial behaviour reported to the Parish Council over the last few years the Parish Council with the consent from the management committee have placed two CCTV cameras at the recreation ground which are monitored 24/7 for any anti-social behaviour or any other abnormal behaviour in and around the grounds.

The management committee like to thank the parish council on the grant of £1300 to assist in the upkeep of the grounds. This grant is much appreciated and used from controlling infestation of moles, herbicide to control weeds, fertilising, cutting and trimming the trees and the hedges along the perimeter of the grounds and anything which may arise which needs attention.

The management committee are open to any other groups or individuals from the village who wish to join the committee to bring fresh ideas and help to maintain and promote the grounds, there is which some may not know a sports and social club which is run with a similar committee in hand with the management committee as this building was built back 1983 it needs to be up dated to allow a more diversity sports groups to use the facilities due to the present layout this is not possible so in conjunction with both committees it would be great if someone could assist in helping to attract potential grants and move this valuable sports asset to better things.

This just about completes my brief report if any questions I will be gladly try to answer.

Please find a small report from the treasurer on expenditure on the Recreation Ground

Ian Pettman  
Chairman, Wingham Recreation Ground Committee

## Wingham Recreation Ground – Finance Report 2021-2022

Thanks to the generosity of the Dover District Council and the Wingham Parish council what could have been a disastrous year has actually been OK. The Sports and Social Club closed for much of the year, received Covid grants from the DDC which enabled it to pay the expenses of running the pavilion.

Cumulatively, we have been able to enhance our building fund which we hope to use to extend the club house and offer women's changing facilities.

The parish council granted us £1,300 which we received in May 2021 and has been spent as below:

Insurances	- £393.11
Ground Maintenance	- £631.00
Tennis court surrounds clearance	- £300.00 (work being completed in April 2022)

A total of £1,324.11. We may do more work on the grounds in April if so, we can use part of a donation received from Sporting Events UK for use of the grounds in August.

We must be grateful to various people and organisations who donated their time and money to helping keep these costs down. A local firm paid for a re-vamp of the car park, Russell Graydon helped with hedge maintenance and Ian and Aaron Pettman did a lot of work on fencing.

David Rothschild  
Treasurer