

SOMERTON 2019 RECREATION GROUND TRUST

Monthly Newsletter No: 2

June 2019

Welcome to the second newsletter from the new Somerton Recreation Ground Trust. This newsletter is sent to Trustees, volunteers, user groups, and any member of the community who asks to receive it. The aim is to keep anyone interested informed on developments both with the charity itself and the actual operations of running the fields day to day. With this in mind I will try to distribute it within days of the monthly operations team meeting so it is as up to date as possible.

TRUST NEWS

1. **Trust Transfer:** Documents confirming the transfer of the assets from the old trust to the new one have been filed with the Land Registry and the solicitors will now be moving towards the winding up of the old Trust; subject to confirmation that all outstanding matters have been dealt with.

2. **Trustee Appointments:**

The charity currently has eight Trustees:

David Osmond (Appointed)
Ray Thompson (Appointed)
Jason Burton (Football Club nominee)
Cliff Bassett (STC nominee)
Phil Catlin (Bowls Club nominee)
Jacob Ralph (Rugby Club nominee)
Jon Power (Tennis Club nominee)
Graham Load (Sports Club nominee)

And we are now restarting the selection process for the remaining 'appointed Trustees'.

3. **Trust Meeting:**

The next Trust meeting will be held on the 15th July at Edgar Hall

4. **Speciality and Support Roles and Volunteers**

Since the last newsletter we have filled four more of the specialist roles in the Trust as can be seen highlighted in red in the following table.

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SRGT Speciality Roles

Chairman	David Osmond
Treasurer	Ray Thompson
Secretary	Lina Thomas
Grounds Maintenance	Jason Burton, Andy, Wayne
Buildings Maintenance	Jacob Ralph
Health and Safety	Tony Jotcham
Events Co-Ordinator	Cliff Bassett
Children's Safeguarding	Phil Catlin
Site Security and Police Liaison	Brian Raybould
Sponsorship and Local Fund Raising	Tony Jotcham
Project Fund Raising	David Osmond
Volunteers Organisation	
Publicity and Communications	
Project Management	

The idea is that the people named will be a first point of contact for anything that arises in their speciality. You can see that we have some unfilled spaces and even where there is already a name that person would almost certainly welcome further support. So please, please feel free to let us know where you think you could help.

We would also like to create a bank of volunteers who would be willing to offer occasional support on things like marshalling, car parking, tea shed service, basic maintenance etc etc, and need someone to head this volunteers' organisation.

5. David Wilson Development

There has not been much further development on the new pitch as such although David Wilson Homes have created a new opening in the hedge to allow access. There is a young oak tree in the middle of the opening and we do not think that this will survive relocation so we have requested that they leave it in place and widen the opening to the right of it to allow vehicle access; and leave the opening to its left for pedestrians. DWH are considering this option.

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6. SRGT Development Plan

Our landscape consultants (Swan Paul) have completed the updated Development Plan drawings and the working group are aiming to present the finished set and feedback to the Trust at the July meeting. Between now and then the plans will be shown to Users Groups and potentially presented to the public at the Funday and a presentation to be arranged at the Sports Club.

7. Annual Parish Meeting Presentation

A draft of the drawings mentioned above were shown at the Annual Parish Meeting. Feedback was positive but numbers attending were quite limited.

8. Finances

Things are settling down following the Trust transfer and Trust finances are broadly in line with expectations at the moment. We would repeat however that it appears that certain areas of expense will be higher than previously anticipated. We have current contingencies to cope with this but will review and revise our budgeting once we have received accurate bills across all areas and we expect this work to be completed by late Summer.

Thanks are due to Ray Thompson for his continued hard work as Treasurer.

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OPERATIONS NEWS

The Operations Team meeting was held at the Sports Club on Monday 10th June. The next one will be on Monday 8th July 2019 at 6.30pm in the Sports Club. Members of the Public are welcome to raise ideas, problems or questions in the Public session which will last for a maximum of 15 minutes at the start of the meeting.

A summary of the June meeting is outline below:

9. Grounds Maintenance (Jason/Andy/Wayne)

Andy reported that despite the heavy rain the FunFair had left site with minimum damage to the surface. Donny reported that he would return to site the following morning to clear any remaining litter and dogmess. (in the event all litter had been cleared but I did find some remaining dogmess and one shattered light bulb.)

Andy also reported that due to the previous lack of rainfall he had decided to delay re-seeding until September.

10. Buildings Maintenance (Jake)

Donny reported that three quotes had now been received for the electrical certification work to the Clubhouse and that these would presented to the July STC meeting for them to instruct a contractor.

Jake and Donny will meet separately to try to progress the commissioning of repairs to the floors of the temporary changing rooms.

We are awaiting a quote from Paul Castle for the potential provision of lighting from the Clubhouse to the MUGA. Andy suggested that we consider relocating the Tea Shed at the same time (with power supply) to stop people using it to climb into the MUGA.

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11. Healthy and Safety (Tony J)

Tony reported that he still had concerns over the safety of the Play Area fencing. As this is owned and operated by STC it was agreed that Donny would raise it again with the Town Clerk.

Tony also reported a continuing problem of youngsters climbing on both the containers in Andy's compound and also onto the roof of the temporary changing rooms. It was agreed that we should source some warning signs.

It was also agreed that only trained operators would be allowed to drive the new tractor.

12. Events (Fred)

Main event held since the last meeting was the Funfair which raised £1000 for the Trust. Whilst some lessons had obviously been learnt for next time (particularly re dogs) it was generally felt that the event had passed off well and had been popular with the community despite the weather.

Next main events are:

Arts Festival Funday and Retro Fundraiser on Sunday 7th July – this is looking to be a substantial event and the area most likely to come under pressure will be parking. Fred is liaising with the Retro organisers and a back up plan is under way. Organisers understand that the event will be cancelled if ground conditions are not suitable.

Somerstock Saturday 13th July – another Arts Festival event of significant size. Full plans available on request from Fred who as well as being our Events Co-ordinator is also Chair of the Arts Festival.

SRGT Remaining Events Table 19-20

Date	Day	Event	Contact	Location	Timings	Parking	Coning
7.07	Sun	Funday + Retro Event	Arts Festival	Whole Field	All Day	Organisers	Yes
13.07	Sat	Somerstock	Arts Festival	Event Field	All Day	Organisers	Yes
22-24.07	Mon-Wed	Circus	John Lawson	Rugby Pitch	Various	tba	No?
3.08	Sat	Wessex 10k	Immortal Sport	Gassons Field	17.00-21.00	Gassons Field	Yes
13.08	Tues	SSDC Play Day	Stuart Talbot	Event Field	10.00-13.00	na	No
2.11	Sat	Fireworks	Martyn	Event Field	17.00-21.00	Organisers	Yes

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13. Children's SafeGuarding (Phil)

Phil Catlin has volunteered to step up to oversee our Safeguarding Policies and Practices. He will advise in due course if there are policy changes we need to adopt and any actions that we need to take.

In the meantime, Tony J has offered to update the contact names on the SafeGuarding notices on the fields.

14. Site Security and Police Liaison (Brian R)

Brian continues to lock the Langport Road entrance each evening. No news to report.

15. Sponsorship and Local Fundraising (Tony J)

Tony is about to embark on his annual campaign to seek pitch sponsorship from local companies and individuals. It was suggested that this year we also seek sponsorship for the changing rooms. If you would like to offer your support please contact Tony directly.

16. Volunteers Organisation

We need someone to volunteer to set up and run a volunteer 'bank'. Please let me know if you would like to do this.

17. Publicity and Communications

Barrie Davies offered to look into the possibility of taking on this role...

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18. Current Task List

Somerton Recreation Ground Trust Operations Meeting Live Actions 19-20				
Meeting	No:	Description	Who	By
May	6	Commission work for repairs to temporary changing rooms	Jake	Asap
May	7	Seek quote for potential cctv coverage	Dave O	End May
May	8	Seek quote for potential 'path to muga' lighting	Dave O	Asap
May	9	Carry out relocation of basketball hoops to tarmac area	Brian R	End June
May	11	Make contact with STC re Risk Assessment of Play Area fence	Dave O	Asap
May	15	Investigate additional parking for Retro/Fun Day	Fred	June Meeting
June	16	Grass seeding to be delayed to Oct due to dry ground in May	Andy	Oct
June	17	Hazard notices to be procured for containers and changing rooms	Dave O	July Meeting
June	18	Order 'No Dogs' signs for installation	Dave O	14.06.19
June	18	Supply STC with quotes for electrical certification works - club	Dave O	11.06.19
June	19	Commission work to repair temporary changing rooms floor	Jake	July Meeting
June	20	Follow up on arrangements for Play Area risk assesment	Dave O	14.06.19
June	21	Install new post to Gassons Lane field entrance	Brian /Andy	30.06.19
June	22	Update names fon Safeguarding Notices	Tony J	30.06.19
June	23	Tractor Users to receive training and sign indemnity	Tony J	July Meeting
June	24	Request layout drawing for Martock Retro Day	Dave O/Fred	14.06.19
June	25	Request Paul Castle to look at relocation of tea shed and power	Dave O	14.06.19
June	26	Finalise Land registry filings for clubhouse and lease	Dave O	31.07.19
June	27	Obtain and supply Legionella Risk Assessment	Graham	30.06.19

If you would like to offer your support or volunteer in any way; or ask any questions about anything then please contact me in the first instance for now. You can get me on:

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I look forward to hearing from you.

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