

# SOMERTON 2019 RECREATION GROUND TRUST

## Monthly Newsletter No: 3

July 2019

Welcome to the July 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 try to distribute it within days of the monthly operations team meeting so it is as up to date as possible. This month's is a little later to catch the quarterly Trust meeting that was held on the 15th July.

### OPERATIONS NEWS

#### **1. The Operations Team Meeting**

Was held at the Sports Club on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July. The next one will be on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August 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.

#### **2. Grounds Maintenance (Jason/Andy/Wayne)**

With the Funfair, Retro and Fun Day, Somerstock, Circus and Wessex 10k we think that the fields will see more use by the Community this summer than ever before.

Whilst we have learned much from these events and have encountered minor irritations and challenges; the success of these events has really been unrivalled, and they have received fantastic support from the community. Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.

Meanwhile the MUGA is seeing growing use with some high quality one to one football training aimed at elite junior players and the fields are receiving good use on the two rounders pitches

On the whole the grounds remain in excellent condition and through August we will see the return of football training and some pre-season friendlies.

#### **3. Buildings Maintenance (Jake)**

A contractor has been appointed to complete the electrical certification work in the Clubhouse.

Jake is working hard to try to progress the commissioning of repairs to the floors of the temporary changing rooms.

We are still awaiting a quote 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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### 4. Health and Safety (Tony J)

STC are arranging an independent assessment of both the play equipment and the Play Area fencing.

Meanwhile Tony raised a potential concern relating to the Rugby Pitch fencing which he will raise with the Rugby Club.

### 5. Events (Fred)

#### Main events prior to the Operations Meeting were:

Arts Festival Funday and Retro Fundraiser on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July – this was a resounding success with an estimate of up to 2000 visitors in total.

#### Events to follow in July onwards are:

Somerstock Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July – another Arts Festival event of significant size. Although we all already know that this was a great success a full report will be included in next months newsletter as the results will be discussed in the August Ops meeting.

John Lawson Circus – 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> July.

The Wessex 10k on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> of August will see hundreds of runners heading out from the Recreation Ground to complete the 10,000-meter course before returning to the finish line and trophy presentations before hopefully taking a well-earned drink in the Sports Club.

#### SRGT Remaining Events Table 19-20

Date	Day	Event	Contact	Location	Timings	Parking	Coning Reqd
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

### 6. Children's Safeguarding (Phil)

Tony J has updated the contact names on the Safeguarding notices on the fields and has also presented a potential Safeguarding Policy for the Trust to consider.

### 7. Site Security and Police Liaison (Brian R)

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

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### 8. 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.

### 9. 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.

### 10. Publicity and Communications

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

### 11. Outstanding actions

Somerton Recreation Ground Trust Operations Meeting Master 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
June	17	Hazard notices to be procured for containers and changing rooms	Tony J	July Meeting
June	18	Order 'No Dogs' signs for installation	Dave O	14.06.19
June	19	Commission work to repair temporary changing rooms floor	Jake	July Meeting
June	21	Install new post to Gassons Lane field entrance	Brian /Andy	30.06.19
June	23	Tractor Users to receive training and sign indemnity	Tony J	July Meeting
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
July	29	Seek redress from S Rogers Funfair for damage to mower blades and rugby post	Dave O	26.07.19
July	30	Annual Fuel Costs for tractor to be determined and cost for first service	Jason/Andy	Aug Meeting
July	31	Safeguarding Policy to be distributed	Tony J	Trust Meeting
July	32	Address health and safety concern over Rugby Club fencing	Tony J/ Jake	Aug Meeting
July	33	Equipment Users to sign declaration of safety training received	Tony J	Aug Meeting
July	34	Review of Legionella regime. Undertake training and report back	Graham L	Aug Meeting
July	35	Request Martyn Gould to discuss Fireworks organisation at next Ops meeting	Ray T	Aug Meeting

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### TRUST NEWS

#### **12. 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)

The July Trust meeting approved the appointment of two further 'Appointed Trustees' and once these have confirmed their acceptance, we will announce their names.

#### **13. Trust Meeting:**

A Trust meeting was held on the 15<sup>th</sup> July (minutes available on request) and the next Trust meeting will be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> October at Edgar Hall.

#### **14. Speciality and Support Roles and Volunteers**

The table below shows the current specialities and vacancies in our Operations Team:

##### SRGT Operations Team

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

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The idea is that the people named in the table above, 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.

### **15. David Wilson Development**

Following the report in the last newsletter, David Wilson have extended the access point between the Recreation Ground and the new David Wilson Pitch so that there is potential vehicle access to the right of the young oak and pedestrian access to the left.

### **16. SRGT Development Plan**

The Working Group has completed its work on the updating of the original 2016 Masterplan to take account of the new David Wilson Pitch and presented the new drawings at the Trust meeting in July. Next action will be to create a list of potential projects to deliver the overall plan before beginning to assess potential funding streams. There will also be work undertaken to solidify the promised 106 funds that will be essential in delivering the new Masterplan.

Anybody interested in viewing the revised drawings please contact the Chair directly. Thanks.

### **17. Finances**

As reported last month further work will be undertaken to refine the budget in the light of new items that have emerged only after the transfer of the Trust

**End.**

*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.*