

Jubilee Field Trust AGM – Chairman's report May 2022

In the last year the Trust has continued to look after the Jubilee Field as it has done previously, with regular maintenance to the playground, grassed areas, hedges, trees, pond, as well as the surrounding ditch and verges.

The playground is well used, with a monthly safety inspection of equipment by a member of the parish council as well as an annual inspection by RoSPA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents).

The hedge planted in 2020 and 2021 along Upper Common Lane continues to thrive.

The pond required further dredging during the past winter to prevent the reeds becoming over invasive. There have been occasional problems at the small weir where the pond exits to the stream with an unknown person removing the metal barrier which has been installed to allow sufficient water to leave the pond while maintaining the water at an acceptable level. This seems to have been resolved for the time being.

The field continues to be used by the Farmers Market when the weather is dry and warm enough, as well as by the Scouting groups, Tae Kwondo classes, and occasional use by private groups who have booked the hall and request to use the field as well.

A successful August Bank Holiday village picnic was held last summer with children's games, croquet, and a play by the Uffington Players. A similar event is being organised for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations on Sunday 5th June this year.

A tree survey was carried out in March by Ligna Consultancy which the parish council is still considering in order to decide on any necessary work recommended. 5 young native trees have been planted on the west side of the field by the Parish Council, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and one member of the public as part of the Queen's Green Canopy initiative for her Platinum Jubilee year. These will be marked by a small plaque to be unveiled on 5th June. A rowan tree was planted on the south side of the field in memory of the family who lived for many years at Style Cottage.

A new bench is to be installed outside the playground, facing White Horse Hill, in memory of Andrew Smith.

The parish council continues to collect rents due from tenants – the THMH and the PO Stores, as well as to insure the assets located on the Jubilee Field – playground equipment, seats, bins etc.

My thanks to all those who voluntarily give their time and energy to maintaining the playground, ditches and verges of the Jubilee Field.

