

BLACKSMITHS' FIELD PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2019

The grass pathway to the field by the side of the Village Hall is kept under control by Vertas, who also cut the paths around the field and the main playing area. The meadow was cut and baled last autumn, but the hay could not be used for fodder as it contained ragwort. It is hoped that there will be a working party to pull the ragwort later this year and this would enable future bales to be used.

A number of the saplings at the bottom of the field now need to be staked to give them better support. If anyone has any stakes we can use, please let me know.

David Allen has planted a small copse in memory of Lisa and buried a vase, which he has planted with sedums.

The pond looks healthy and is full at the moment.

Phil Piper has installed nets on the goals posts and will maintain them in the future.

Rob Brittain has agreed to Chair a new Fund Raising Committee for the next phase of equipment to be installed. No decision has been made at this time as to what exactly this will be. Some of the monies may have to be used to replace the swings, but we are awaiting our annual report to see if this has become urgent. Cllr Kim Fulcher's husband made a repair to the wood which keeps the tree bark contained.

The den building equipment continues to be used.

Some of the bird boxes are being used.

The annual firework night was a success. The grass under the beacon was slightly scorched, but has made a full recovery.

I'm please to report dog fouling has significantly reduced this year and it is hoped that people will continue to be responsible owners.

Cllr Jan Palmer