

BLACKSMITHS FIELD ANNUAL REPORT MAY 2021

The entrance to the field from All Saints Road has proved difficult with so much rain over winter. The Parish Council have agreed to investigate the installation of a pathway to make it easier for disabled access and prams. If the costings are acceptable it is hoped the work is carried out this summer.

Sovereign have now replaced the swings. The new equipment also includes a cradle swing. A trim trail has also been installed. Once the government lifted the lockdown restrictions all the equipment has proved very popular. Recently the Parish Council added two picnic benches to the field. One has been placed by the play equipment and the other by the pond.

The goal posts are being constantly used since the installation of the nets. However, there is movement in the posts and therefore they may need replacing in the not too distant future.

The Parish Council would like to thank William Barnes for his continued work on the wild meadow to try to eradicate the ragwort. A pathway has been cut through so people can enjoy the meadow even more.

The pond appears to have algae and it is hoped to gain expert advice to see if any works need to be carried out.

Unfortunately the number of dogs fouling the field has increased this year and a sign has been moved to the entrance in the hope that it reminds people to pick up and use the bin provided.

There are various bird boxes around the field. The owl box does need attention as the inspection hatch has dropped open and it is doubtful an owl would use this in its current state.

The den building equipment has completely disappeared and will need replacing.

Due to the pandemic the firework night couldn't take place, but it is hoped this can be reinstated this year.

Cllr Jan Palmer

