

## **BLACKSMITHS FIELD ANNUAL REPORT MAY 2023**

The footpath from All Saints Road into the playing fields has continued to allow access even during the winter months. However large cracks appeared a year ago and, despite the installers making a repair, they continued to worsen. A site meeting was again arranged and they advised that because of the close proximity of trees, the roots will continue to cause the subsoil to heave and shrink and recommended covering the surface with a self binding gravel. They have now taken up the tarmac and replaced the complete path with this material.

The play equipment continues to prove very popular and it is intended to put an article in the Creeting Newsletter inviting residents of the village to make suggestions as to further improvements which they would like to see. The latest Safety Inspection Report has highlighted a number of areas which need attention. If anyone in the Village would like to help, please contact the Parish Clerk.

The new moveable goal posts are in constant use.

Once again I regret to report that a number of dog owners continue to not pick up their dog litter. This is completely unacceptable. It is the responsibility of all dog owners to follow their dog and pick it up. There is a bin at the entrance to the field.

Also litter is still being left around the picnic benches, particularly during school holidays. There is a bin at the entrance to the field. Use it, or better still, take the litter home.

The owl box at the bottom of the field which blew down in the strong winds at the beginning of last year, has been repaired and put back by William Barns. A barn owl has been sighted flying over the playing field. Maybe he has found a new home!

A tree had to be taken out on the village green and Phil Piper has used some to replenish the den building area.

The firework night was again a great success.

The White Beam tree planted to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee is looking very healthy.

Cllr Jan Palmer

