

**LANGPORT AND HUISH EPISCOPI MEMORIAL FIELD  
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**CHAIRMAN AND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2019-2020  
LANGPORT AND HUISH EPISCOPI MEMORIAL FIELD  
COMMITTEE  
CHARITY NUMBER 304573**

Chairman's Annual Report for the Trustees and Management Committee

1. I will start by thanking all committee members and section representatives for their hard work and support throughout the years.

Following representations in 2019-2020 for an increase in grants from the Parish and Town Council's additional funding was requested and funding was increased from Huish Episcopi Parish Council but additional funding from Langport Town Council was discussed at their Finance Committee, but was set aside for future consideration Langport Town Council then decided not to award an increase.

The grants from Huish Episcopi Parish Council for 2019 -20 was increased to £7500 and with an additional £1800 towards the rewiring of the Pavilion. The grant received from Langport Town Council was £4000

**2. TRUSTEES AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Following the resignation of Mr Tony Clarke as Chairman on health grounds as he was moving from the area Mr Barry Horsgood, Vice Chairman has agreed to be Acting Chairman until the next Annual General Meeting and a new committee is elected.

The committee members are:-

Mr Barry Horsgood Vice Chairman Huish Episcopi Parish Councillor

Cllr Shirley Nicholas, Trustee and Huish Episcopi Parrish Councillor

Cllr Nicola French, Trustee and Langport Town Councillor

Cllr Helen Sheerman. Langport Town Councillor

Mr Peter Porter, Langport Running Club

Mrs Liz Lennox, Bingo Club

Mr Paul Brace, Over 60's Club

Aimee Stone, RLS Football Club and Sports and Social Club

Mrs Tracy Burton, Sports and Social Club

Mr Greg Cooper , Over 60's Club

Mr Michael Gomez , Langport FC

TUSTEES

Mr Simon Martin  
Mr Steve Williams  
Mr James Benton Veterans FC

### 3. ACCOUNTS

The Annual Accounts for 2019-2020 and 2020.2021 were Audited by Jean Loveday & Co and approved in the minutes of the committee meeting of the 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021

The Accounts for 2019-2020 were delayed following the accountant contracting Covid and Long Covid.

The Accounts will be sent to the Charities Commission by Post as they were not available electronically.

The Committee were very grateful for the financial support given by South Somerset District Council during the Pandemic

### 4. NEW CONSTITUTION

When an improved constitution for the charity was discussed in 2017 the Secretary initially prepared one following the Charities Commission Template but when this was presented to the committee for approval the then Langport Town Council Clerk proposed getting the Town Council's Solicitors to carry out this task and apart from hearing that it was returned to them the committee has failed to get a satisfactory explanation from the various representatives from Langport Town Council or the new Town Clerk. The committee agree at an association format for the new constitution so that all member organisations could be represented

### 5. REPLACEMENT CHANGING ROOMS

Following rejection of the initial design for new Changing Rooms from O2i Architects because of the cost a simplified design was commissioned from the architect and prepared for submission to South Somerset District Council Planning Department

### 5. INSURANCE

The insurance for all liabilities was renewed with Zurich at a very competitive price for 2019-2020-2021

### 6 .CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND

The Children's Playground new equipment partially funded by the Tesco

Groundworks Scheme in 2018-19 and the new Picnic Bench to replace the one vandalised in 2020 are a welcome addition.

Unfortunately the playground had to be closed at the start of the Pandemic Lockdown although sanitising equipment was considered but thought that the risk was too high

A tree inspection was carried out and a small apple tree, plum tree and a large Beech Tree were found to be unsafe in the Playground. Initially the small fruit trees were removed by a local tree surgeon and following advice from the SSDC Arboriculturist a specialist team from South Somerset District Council removed the Beech Tree

## 7. CLUB PAVILLION

A new fire risk assessment was commissioned for the Pavilion and Changing Rooms and as a result minor remedial works were recommended and a full IEE Test and Inspection and this resulted in a major re-design of the Heating to replace the old night store heaters with more efficient panels and replacement of all pin spot lighting for low energy units.

The Test and Inspection and Contract for the rewiring, lighting and heating were tendered and S Osbourne (Electrical) was successful and the work partially funded from the Reserve Account and with an additional grant from Huish Episcopi Parish Council

Once the rewiring and lighting was complete the Sports and Social Club redecorated the main room and toilets

## 8. OVER 60'S CLUB

This is normally very well attended but unfortunately held the last meeting in March/April 2019 as the club chairman Mr Paul Brace took advice from the doctor's surgery and cancelled all further meetings because of the pandemic and the number of members who would be very vulnerable

## 9. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

The Grounds Maintenance Contractor continues to maintain the site and sports field to a very high standard and keeps the site largely free of litter although this continues to be a problem. The contract has been extended to 2022

At the start of the pandemic when all sport was cancelled the committee made the decision to keep maintaining the pitch and playground cut and this paid off once the rules were relaxed

## 10 FOOTBALL

At the Start of the 2019-20 season Langport FC had a reasonable start to their year but because of player losses unfortunately had to resign from the League but after Christmas "The Saints" used the pitch and subsequently booked the pitch for two teams for the rest of the season but this was cut short when all fixtures were cancelled because of the Pandemic. Once the rules relaxed fortunately the clubs are up and running again very successfully

### 11. BOOT CAMP. (Keep Fit Training)

The Boot Camp continues to use the MUGA under lights in Winter and Pitch in the Summer

### 12. BINGO CLUB

Well attended until the meetings were suspended because of the Pandemic and as most members are elderly is too risky to restart

### 13. COMMUNITY BENEFITS

The past two years have demonstrated the importance of well maintained open spaces as a place for organised sport and outdoor activities even more so in the Pandemic where the community could exercise freely and when the restrictions were eased re-opening the playground encourage children to play and express themselves in a safe environment

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**MEMORIAL FIELD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**  
**LANGPORT, SOMERSET**  
**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2020**

	£
INCOME	
Grants	15,000
Room Hire to include Sports Club Rent	5,180
Pitch Hire	926
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	21,106
 DEDUCT: EXPENDITURE	
Insurances	818
Services	7,730
Rates	348
Wages – Secretary & Treasurer	600
Administration	212
Maintenance Club House	9,612
Maintenance Pitch & Playground	5,809
Audit Fee	150
Miscellaneous	140
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	25,419
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EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME	(£ 4,313)
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2021**

		£
INCOME		
Grants	35,969	
Room Hire	124	
Pitch Hire	1,320	
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		37,413
DEDUCT: EXPENDITURE		
Insurances	873	
Services & Maintenance Club House	5,812	
Maintenance Pitch & Playground	8,705	
Wages – Secretary & Treasurer	1,250	
Administration	144	
Audit Fee	150	
Miscellaneous – Plans	1,630	
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		18,564
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EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	£	18,849
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