

ANNUAL REVIEW

MILEHAM PLAYING FIELD CHARITY

After last year's AGM a number of new Trustees were appointed representing the Parish Council, Village Hall and Church - as well as three new Trustees voted in at the AGM. There are now 8 of us and we currently meet every two months.

We have made steady progress - firstly dramatically cutting our annual insurance premium from over £800 to just over £100 and then opening a bank account with CoOp (who are one of the few these days offering free banking for Charities).

One of our first challenges was to remove the Zip wire which had become unsafe and this was carried out by Mark Butler-Stoney. We have committed to annual third party safety inspections (next one due next month) and fortnightly inspections by Trustees.

The play equipment was thoroughly cleaned during Winter and this has been positively received by regular users. Routine maintenance has included removal of exposed concrete, cleaning of the noticeboard, and tightening of screws here and there.

We have relieved the Parish Council of grass cutting and hedge trimming costs of over £1,000 each year and this is now managed by the Trustees (and their helpers). Special thanks to Chris Smith and Mark Butler Stoney. We are however grateful to the Parish Council for their continued support with annual insurance and inspection costs (hopefully no more than £350 each year).

Our biggest challenge is fundraising with the long term aim that the Charity will become self sufficient. At present, it has no income.

Nick Clowe

Chairman

20th May 2025