

**Kidmore End
Annual Parish Meeting
21 March 2012**

Playing Fields Committee Report for the Year Ending March 2012

The Committee consists of three parish councillors, two representatives from each of the cricket and football clubs and our clerk Mr Penfold. During the year Mr Fred Curzon decided after many years of service to stand down as one of the cricket club's representatives. The committee have thanked Mr Curzon for his dedication, enthusiasm and support.

This has of course been a momentous year for the playing Fields Committee. The completion and opening in June last year of the New Pavilion. It has taken many years of fundraising and hard work but we now have a wonderful facility that we hope will be in use not only by our generation but many generations to come.

We are of course indebted to the enormous number of people who have given their time, together with the many sponsors who have given so generously to make this project a reality.

Dog fouling on the playing area at the Gallowstree Common Recreation Ground has been an ongoing problem during the past year; however we have, since the completion of the new pavilion been able to install a new fence along the northern boundary of the car park together with a pedestrian gate. We have also re-sited the dog hygiene bin, and sincerely hope that the measures we have taken will reduce considerably the incidence of fouling on the playing area.

As I reported last year the Children's Play Areas at both Kidmore End and Gallowstree Common are in need of refurbishment. Although we have replaced one piece of play equipment at Gallowstree Common this year and continue to maintain the safety surfaces, we have found it necessary to dismantle pieces of equipment that are no longer safe for children to use.

The focus of the Playing Fields Committee in the coming year must be to seek funding to enable us to move forward with a replacement schedule. I would like to thank Councillor Sue Biggs for her efforts to secure outside funding for the Play Areas

We are fortunate that vandalism in the area is thankfully not a significant issue but nevertheless our local area beat officer continues to monitor the situation when on duty.

Our mowing and maintenance contractor Mr Ian Kendrick continues to provide a good service and keep both play areas tidy.

As always I would like to conclude my report by thanking all the members of the Playing Fields Committee together with our clerk Mr Penfold for their support and enthusiasm.

Thank you.

R S Young

Chairman, Playing Fields Committee