

KIDMORE END PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE (KEPFC)

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2019 - 2020

I would like to express my thanks to all members of the Committee and the Secretary for their participation and input during the year. My thanks also go to all the volunteers, local contractors, families and others for their contribution and involvement to the upkeep and wonderful congenial atmosphere around the Pavilion and Recreation Ground.

During the year, KEPFC has been impacted significantly by the Covid-19 outbreak. This has impacted our regular hirers, occasional hirers and the cricket season. As a result of the virus, the Cricket Club was restricted to half a season. However, during the summer on a Friday and Saturday evening and when Covid-19 restrictions allowed, the Pavilion acted as a community social centre with great success. It is rewarding to see local people enjoying the facilities that are maintained by the Cricket Club and all our volunteers.

There is currently no senior football being played at the Recreation Ground. However, two new junior under 11's teams have started to train, with one team using the outside facilities as their home ground providing their own goals and equipment. This is very welcome.

The main hall, kitchen and bar inside the Pavilion have been fully redecorated courtesy of members of the Cricket Club. The walls have been repainted and the bar has been retiled. This was much appreciated. There is continuing maintenance ongoing on a regular basis and the Pavilion and the outfield have received acclaim from local parishioners, their visitors and visiting umpires. It is rated one of the top venues in the league and receives top marks for its condition, the environment and hospitality.

As a consequence of the virus, KEPFC has seen a significant drop in regular revenue but is still incurring its regular ongoing overhead costs for electricity, water and waste disposal. KEPFC was able to apply to SODC for a grant to ease the consequences of the virus and this is most welcome following the drop off in revenue from regular and occasional hirers.

I also have to report the saga of a water leak in the underground mains' pipe to the Pavilion. The cost of the water lost was significant but has been materially covered by Insurance. I would like to thank the Parish Council for its co-operation and assistance during this saga.

Iain Pearson

Chairman