

Ellerker Playing Fields
Treasurer's Report - Financial Year 2019/2020

The Playing Fields Committee held one fund raising event during the financial year 2019/2020 and participated in one Ellerker community event – Village Christmas tree lights switch-on.

The annual Summer Fayre and Beerfest was a very successful fundraising event in 2019 with a 57% increase in profit as compared to the previous year due to both an increase in revenue and a reduction in outgoings. The overall revenue for the annual Summer Fayre and Beerfest 2019 was £8,138.92 and the total outgoings were £3,563.02 which resulted in a fantastic profit of £4,345.90. The largest contributions in terms of revenue were from the bar, the tombola and the duck race. Alongside the usual beer and wine bar, we had a new gin bar which was kindly sponsored by Whites Travel, resulting in bar takings that were up by 58% as compared to 2018. Stall holders are important in ensuring that we attract families to come to the Summer Fayre and stall holders' contributions were up by 73%. Although we all very much missed the fudge stall, the cake stall was again popular and contributed to £287.62 to the profit. The donations to the 'free' car park resulted in a surprising £99.54 of revenue. We spent less on music and advertising, and did not have to purchase additional equipment as compared to 2018 (a television was purchased in 2018). A number of local residents again kindly sponsored a beer barrel totalling an impressive £1250 of donations to the event which is very much appreciated. This fundraising event would not be possible without the help and support of the other committees within the village and also many residents who work hard to ensure the day is a success. Thank you for your support.

The Ellerker Christmas community event included the Christmas tree lights switch-on, carol singing, crafts, mulled wine and mince pies. The expense of this event is shared between the Playing Field Committee, the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee.

The minimum annual costs to maintain the Playing Fields are the mowing costs, liability insurance, play inspection and adhoc maintenance costs (equipment and trees). For 2019/2020 these costs were:

- Mowing £1,500
- Insurance £451.57
- Play inspection £150
- Tree maintenance £375

Miscellaneous expenses were higher in 2019/2020 and these included a new strimmer, contribution to the new notice board outside of the Village Hall and the purchase of daffodils. The Playing Field Committee were also pleased to make a small donation to St Anne's Church and the Village Hall to thank them for their support during 2019/20.

2019/2020 financial year closed with a balance of £6,510.67.

The minimum running costs for the Ellerker Playing Fields for 2020/2021 are anticipated to remain a consistent £2,200. Note, this is without any additional maintenance costs or expenditure. We anticipate additional costs to be in the region of £1500+ for 2020/2021 (e.g. tree inspections, new bin, beck maintenance, new signage). The Playing Field Committee is working with the Village Hall Committee to explore the possibility of merging the two committees/charities and this would require legal fees to be shared between the Playing Fields and the Village Hall. Due to COVID-19, the annual fundraising event, the Summer Fayre and BeerFest, had to be cancelled which of course is a

big impact to the revenue of the Playing Fields. Thankfully due to the hard work of the committee and local residents, we are in a very fortunate position of having a bank balance that will support the costs of maintaining the Playing Fields for the upcoming year.

The Ellerker Playing Fields are held in trust for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of Ellerker. The Playing Field Committee is small and we are sure everyone can appreciate it is a struggle to find the time to complete all the activities required to manage the Playing Fields. We therefore kindly ask local residents to volunteer their time and/or expertise in helping manage the Playing Fields. For example, the committee do not have the time to organise working parties to look after the beck, trim the verges around the Playing Fields or strim around the play equipment. If anyone is able to take full responsibility for one of these types of activities, e.g. trim the beck verges for a full year, it will help to reduce the anticipated maintenance costs for 2020/2021.

Thank you for your support.

Statement of accounts				
	31st March 2020	1st April 2019		
		(for comparison)		
Cash in hand	40.30	155.52		
Current	6,447.95	5,151.07		
Deposit	22.42	22.42		
Total:	6,510.67	5,329.01		
Increase/ (Decrease) in Assets:	1,181.66			
Net Profit/(Loss) on events and items during the year				
	31st March 2020	1st April 2019		
		(for comparison)	Increase/ Decrease	%
Village Fete	4,345.90	2,770.14	1,575.76	57%
Bank Interest/Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Miscellaneous	(766.25)	(179.04)	(587.21)	328%
Christmas Village Event	(71.52)	29.85	(101.37)	-340%
Landscape Maintenance	(1,875.00)	(1,500.00)	(375.00)	25%
Insurances	(451.47)	(431.01)	(20.46)	5%
Play Equipment	0.00	(318.00)	318.00	-100%
Total:	1,181.66	371.94	809.72	218%