

Chairman's Report – 2017/18

Introduction

This report summarises the key events, achievements and challenges relating to Baslow Sports Field Charitable Incorporated Organisation (BSF CIO) and its constituent sporting clubs.

Sporting Activity

The core objective of the CIO is to support the local community in improving their physical and psychological health and well being by providing the best possible facilities to local sports clubs and community organisations.

Sporting activity has continued to broadly increase during the last 12 months within the associated football, cricket, tennis and bowls clubs.

We received some terrific feedback for the Junior Football Festival held in 2017. This tournament is gaining a huge reputation as a 'must participate' event with local football clubs and we look forward to another successful event in 'World Cup Year, this June.

The use of our Multi User Games Area (MUGA) continues to increase with continued use by 5-a-side football, walking football and tennis. We have also seen the plenty of interest in Netball, Hockey and Running, increasing the range of sports provided.

Our continued partnership with Becky Lyne and TrYumph in Life has attracted more people to the sports field through their provision of a wide range of sporting activities for children and adults. The Summer Camps provided by TrYumph in Life

during school holidays are also incredibly popular. Becky's enthusiasm and energy is a key enabler in attracting more adults and children to take up sport at the Sports Field and we much appreciate her contribution!

The field is also used regularly by St Anne's Primary/Junior School for their various activities.

Projects

We have seen several projects established and completed during the year. An important objective is to upgrade the fabric of the Pavilion which has not had any material work done on it since it was built in 1992 and does not adequately accommodate the needs of both males and females.

We have successfully re-furbished the toilet block and the project to reconfigure the first floor of the Pavilion nears completion, providing a much more effective and usable space to all sports clubs and the wider local community.

Plans are also well advanced to re-furbish and re-configure the Ground Floor lounge and it is hoped, subject to funding, work is expected to commence later this year.

Future projects we are researching at the moment include improving the durability of the field playing surfaces, especially during the wet winter periods and also the potential for installing a synthetic running track around the perimeter of the field, recognising the huge upsurge in running as an activity.

Some unexpected projects arose during the year...our water boiler finally gave up the ghost (!) and had to be replaced and the tennis courts and MUGA were all reconditioned to provide a safer surface and extend their life.

Fund Raising

Trustees have worked hard to attract funds into BSF CIO to help fund the above projects and have been very successful, receiving nearly £20,000 in funding, from organisations such as Better Derbyshire Dales Fund, Duke of Devonshire Fund and the National Lottery. More grant applications are in the process of being prepared for future projects.

Additionally, the Football Festival brought in nearly £4,000 last year.... an incredible 'win-win' event.... and Eileen Langsley gave a fantastic presentation of her sporting images which, including an auction, brought in over £1,000.

The first ever "Great Village Face-Off", run by TrYumph in Life, was a big success. Participants from several villages had great fun in what turned out to be a warm and sunny evening. The event raised just over £500 for our renovation projects and we look forward to this becoming a regular event on the sports field calendar.

Finance

Prudent financial management has enabled our Finances to continue to be stable and we will continue to ensure the organisation remains on a sustainable footing for the future.

Woodland Park

We reached a final agreement with Baslow Parish Council and the Peak Planning Authority to proceed with the Council's Woodland Adventure Playground initiative. The CIO supports this initiative and has successfully attracted funding to install the required safety measures on the boundary between the sports field and the Adventure Playground. The Playground is expected to open later in 2018.

Baslow Sports Field CIO

We successfully migrated to 'CIO' status in 2018 after much dialogue and discussion with lawyers; a very difficult process steered very well by Peter Holt!

We continue to have Trustees assigned to all the key positions, although we will always be looking for further skills and experience to help with our future initiatives...tell your friends!

Maintenance of the Sports Field

Finally, it is sometimes easy to forget the day-to-day work that goes into making our facilities as good as they are. Despite the appalling winter, all football matches were eventually completed by the end of the season and the ground transformed ready for the cricket season. The field now, looks in fantastic shape and much credit needs to go to David Robins and his team for doing such a great job these last 12 months, not just on the field but around the Pavilion and beyond.

Tony Buckham
Chairman
Baslow Sports Field

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