

## **Chairman's Report – 2018/19**

### **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 and use of the facilities has continued to flourish during the last 12 months within the associated football, cricket, tennis and bowls clubs.

Our annual Junior Football Festival was held in June 2019 and was, yet again, a huge success. The players, referees, parents, friends and volunteers enjoyed a great day and feedback was very positive. BSFCIO funds were boosted by nearly £3,000 from this event.

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 continue to make use of the MUGA for a wider range of activities

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 very 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 continue to value her increasing contribution!

The field continues to be 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 has been to upgrade the fabric of the Pavilion which has not had any material work done on it since it was built in 1992 and needed 'refreshing'.

The first floor renovation was completed and now provides a much more effective and usable space to all sports clubs and the wider local community. We held our first ever 'Vegan Dinner' evening on this floor which was a great success!

The first phase of the Ground Floor renovation has also been completed which has delivered a new design for the kitchen/bar areas including new fridges, freezer, cooker, microwave, bottle cooler and water boiler. The main lounge area has also been 're-floored' and re-painted.

Work on raising funds for the second phase of the Ground Floor work (an extended lounge area) is to be discussed in the second half of 2019.

We do now have a Pavilion to be proud of and we need to take advantage and market the availability of this facility to the wider community. We also need to increase the duty of care for the re-furnished facilities, which will be discussed over the coming months.

On the Sports Field, we invested heavily in ‘sand-banding’ the senior football pitch area which will result in better drainage during periods of wet weather and a safer playing surface.

Baslow Parish Council’s Woodland Park Adventure Playground was successfully opened in April 2019. BSF CIO supported this initiative and, after successfully attracted funding, we installed a ball stop safety system on the boundary between the sports field and the Adventure Playground. We are delighted this facility is now being well used.

Key projects being currently worked upon or being discussed include the installation of an all-weather running track around the field perimeter and, as mentioned earlier, a further extension to the main Pavilion lounge.

## **Marketing and Fund Raising**

Trustees have worked hard to attract funds into BSF CIO over the last few years to help fund the above projects and have been very successful, receiving over £20,000 in funding, from organisations such as Better Derbyshire Dales Fund, Duke of Devonshire Fund and the National Lottery. Work in this area will need to continue to help fund our current and future initiatives and projects

In November 2018, John Lukic ( ex Arsenal, Leeds professional goalkeeper) delivered a fascinating talk on the realities of being a professional footballer. This, followed by an Auction, raised over £1,000 towards our renovation schemes.

Now we have a fully equipped kitchen and upgraded lounge area we are now in a position to consider different ways of recouping our investment by marketing the facility throughout the community, promoting it’s use for social clubs, birthdays, working ‘off-sites’ and seminars. We are also exploring the

feasibility of providing an occasional ‘pop-up’ café, particularly at weekends.

## **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 by setting our rates at realistic, but affordable, levels and continuing to work on a variety of fund-raising initiatives.

## **Maintenance of the Sports Field**

Finally, it is sometimes easy to forget the day-to-day work that goes into making our facilities top-class. The sports 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 also around the Pavilion and their contribution to the various refurbishment projects.

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