

## Annual Report to Bickleigh Parish Council in respect of The Roborough Recreation Hall and Playing Fields

The Roborough Recreation Hall and playing Fields are now fully open following the Covid pandemic lockdowns and the large active group of Trustees have been meeting regularly to ensure that both the playing fields and the hall are used to maximise their use by the community. The only vacant position in the Trustee body is that of the Secretary and they are working hard to fill the role as soon as possible. It is also difficult to find volunteers to help open/close the hall for functions but regular appeals are made to encourage new people to join. The facebook page has been revamped and followers and likes are increasing.

Maintenance issues both in the Recreation Hall and the pavilion on the playing fields occupies a lot of time and is a constant source of concern. Routine issues are dealt with by committee members but there are some expensive, large tasks which need to be undertaken including a new kitchen and new/improved toilet and shower facilities which will need grant assistance to proceed. The playing field themselves also need regular attention which the football and cricket clubs assist with.

The S106 grant funding money of between £80,000 and £100,000 is now available to the playing fields and a working party of 7 people has been set up to liaise with South Hams, the Football Association and Cricket Association to ensure that the amount is best spent.

With hall bookings increasing month on month and playing field bookings regular with plans for increasing usage still further things appear quite positive.

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