

DIPTFORD AMENITY TRUST AGM 2024

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It has been another busy year for the Amenity Trust.

Considerable efforts have been and are being made to raise a large amount of money for the refurbishment of the tennis court into a Multi Play area, and also looking towards funding additional play equipment.

A number of people in the village have now nominated the Diptford Amenity Trust for funding via Easy Fundraising, an easy way to raise funds for the charity when using online shopping.

Following a concerning inspection of the Monterey Pine at the entrance of the Playing Field in October 2023, the Parish Council, through the Amenity Trust, paid out a considerable amount on making the tree safe to the recommendations in the report. In accordance with the report, a further inspection will be carried out shortly.

At last the Climbing Frame legs have been properly and professionally repaired by Mr Tanner, this is something which has appeared many times on the monthly reports from South Hams Council, and we are relieved to have at last got the works done, albeit at some considerable cost.

Other smaller repairs have been carried out by the Playing Field Group, under the leadership of Mike Cox and Ralph Mortimore. In mid September, the clean-up in the Playing Field, organised by the PFG, was a huge success with many more residents than usual coming along to help maintain this valuable asset of the village. An increased use of Social Media helped promote the day. Hopefully some of the newer volunteers who helped on the day will be able to maintain their interest.

During the year, an area of bamboo which had appeared between the tennis court and the neighbouring property, had fairly suddenly threatened to become more invasive and has been professionally treated. This will continue to be monitored carefully and the grass in the field has continued to be maintained by Keith Jane to whom we are grateful.

Sue Franklin

Chairman Diptford Amenity Trust

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