

Kings Sutton Parish Council

Annual Report for the Recreation Ground 2014/15

Over the past year the Recreation Ground has continued to be maintained, the grass being cut twice a month (and what a picture it looks when done). The play equipment is checked every week, plus the annual inspection by R.O.S.P.A. The beautiful trees which form the perimeter of the Rec. are also inspected. Litter bins are emptied weekly, and kindly residents help pick up litter. The dog bins are also emptied weekly and we have put up notices to the effect that all dogs must be kept on a lead and any dog mess to be picked up and deposited in the dog bins. We still need to educate the general public to take their litter away with them or deposit it in the bins provided. There are 10 bins supplied, no excuses!!!

The overhanging bushes and shrubs have been trimmed back to the fence line on the northern side as they were beginning to impinge on the Rec. Also some of the trees have been pollarded in preparation for the new Play equipment and some in the maintenance of the Rec.

The Rec. is used extensively by all ages of the parish, children on the swings etc., teenagers on the football and basketball pad, and the skateboard ramp which was removed due to health and safety requirements. The adults also enjoy the Rec. for playing games with their children, picnics, and sitting and chatting. The Fair has in the past attended twice a year. Kings Sutton Baptist Church have used it for a fun afternoon, and other organisations such as the Playgroup have used it for fund raising events.

We have a new seat donated by the family of the late Parish Councillor Mr. Cyril Wheatcroft who was wise in his comments, careful in his judgements, serving the PCC with enthusiasm and experience having served on the many committees both on the PCC and SNC and Northamptonshire County Council for many years.

Some of the Play Equipment has been there over 50 years, and it got more and more difficult to maintain. A scheme was implemented to replace the equipment with more up to date pieces. Planning permission had to be obtained, repositioning some items, trimming trees, allowing for additional parking. It has taken a long time but we are nearly there. Financing was also a challenge. Funding was achieved with help from South Northants Homes, Banner Homes and also valuable fundraising by interested parents keen to see it happen by organising events such as the successful Run for the Rec. event. We are sorry it has taken so long. Watch out for news of the Official Opening Event.

Thank you to all those who help in any way. We are most grateful.

Walter Mullis and Carole Hill
Councillors for the Rec.