



WELLOW RECREATION – Autumn 2017 update

It's been a busy summer up at the Wellow Playing Field with parishioners and visitors taking full advantage of the sports and fitness facilities. Wellow Recreation has been formally appointed as agent to manage the playing field and children's play park on behalf of Wellow Parish Council, so here is a brief update on our activities over the past few months.

As you will have seen, in September the football pitch was the subject of a major drainage project carried out by Sport England which we hope will provide a much improved playing surface for footballers young and old and avoid the problems of flooding from which neighbouring properties have suffered in the past. Unfortunately the football pitch is now out of bounds for the next few months until spring 2018 so that the grass can recover, but we will be installing a temporary goalpost at the top of the field so that footballers can still practise their skills. Football has relocated to the 3G pitch at Writhlington on Thursday @ 8pm. Our thanks go to Andy Smith for his sterling work in achieving the Sport England grant on behalf of the Parish Council and supervising the work.

The cricket nets have been repaired after they went 'walk-about' during Storm Doris in February and are now secured well enough to have survived Hurricanes Ophelia and Brian. The nets are open through the winter to allow cricketers to practise during The Ashes 'down under'.

Wellow Boules has been growing strongly in numbers and skill and has participated for the first time in Bath's Queen Square tournament as well as enjoying a return match against Limpley Stoke on August Bank Holiday Monday. Weekly play has now switched to Sunday afternoons from 2.30pm and all are welcome to join us on our 'piste'.

The trustees of Wellow Recreation have defined a number of priority projects which we will support in 2018, including working together with Wellow Valley Tennis on the delivery of the Sports Pavilion project, now in its final fundraising phase and participating in the plans for its management and operation. A major focus in 2018 will be the project to renew the equipment in the Children's Play Park and parishioners will be very welcome to join in the fundraising efforts for this important project.

We have all been encouraged by the growing popularity of all the sports and fitness activities on the Playing Field and thanks to the income from the successful Miracle Theatre production of The Third Policeman in July, as well as contributions from all the sports groups who use the field, together with our share of the proceeds of the events organised by Wellow Community Chest we have been able to ensure that Wellow Parish Council has the additional funds necessary to meet the costs of maintaining the facilities without placing a burden on Council Tax payers.

We look forward to promoting further growth in participation in all our sports and fitness activities in 2018 – please check out our website with the latest on all our activities : recreation.wellow.org

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