

LYDDINGTON PLAYING FIELD CHARITY
(the “Charity”)
Registered Charity No: 507655

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOLE CORPORATE TRUSTEE 2017
(for the Financial Year ended 31 March 2017)

Object of the Charity:

To hold 4.44 acres of land (known as the “Playing Field”) on trust for use as a recreation ground for the benefit of the inhabitants of Lyddington. (Charity Commission Scheme dated 16 November 1978)

Trustee of the Charity:

Lyddington Parish Council is the sole corporate trustee of the Charity.

Operation of the Charity:

The Charity has delegated authority to the Trustee to deal with all matters related to the upkeep and administration of the Playing Field and the allotment plots on behalf of the Charity and within the objects quoted above. This delegation of authority is reviewed annually.

Activities and achievements during the year:

A tennis court, play equipment, a small children’s play area, twelve allotment plots and a football pitch are maintained on the Playing Field for the benefit of inhabitants of Lyddington.

Since the refurbishment of the play equipment, completed in September 2013, the park continues to be well used by the children of the village and attracts many families from further afield. Cllr James Tyers, with the help of other Councillors, continues to manage the ongoing maintenance and improvements in the play area.

Monthly safety inspections of the play equipment are carried out by members of the Parish Council, led by Cllr Tassell, in line with insurance arrangements. Wicksteed has completed the third of three annual safety inspections as part of the installation. Wicksteed have been booked to carry out this year’s annual inspection safety check due in early September 2017.

A proposal was put forward by some residents for a Dog Agility area at the far end of the playing field. After due consideration the Parish Council, as the Trustee, rejected the proposal due to concerns over the proximity of the proposed agility area to the children’s play area.

The twelve allotment plots were occupied throughout the year with some change in ownership. Fees remain at £15 per plot for the year.

Lyddington Tennis:

The tennis court is operated by Lyddington Tennis (“LT”) on behalf of the Trustee in accordance with the agreed Constitution and Rules of LT and within the objects of the Charity. A Letter of Agreement on the Use of Lyddington Tennis Court (owned by the Charity) is in place between LT and the Trustee and its terms are reconfirmed annually (last reconfirmed as at November 2016). Cllr Sturgess is the honorary member of LT and attends the meetings.

LT provides a copy of its audited accounts to the Trustee annually. The accounts for December 2014, 2015 and 2016 have not been presented to the Parish Council to date.

The tennis court was resurfaced in October 2015. This work was managed and funded by Lyddington Tennis.

Bank Account:

The Charity has a bank account with The Co-operative Bank, the balance of which remained static for the year at £545.72. The costs for the operation of the Charity are met out of the funds of the Trustee, Lyddington Parish Council.

Lyddington Parish Council, as sole Corporate Trustee
May 2017