

Chairman's Report 2023 – Ric Ellinger

I am pleased to be able to present my 8th Chairman's Report for the Seend Lye Recreation Field.

2022/2023 has been a much more active year in the life of the Lye Field and the Irene Usher Pavilion. As well as a major refurb for the pavilion, the Seend Fete has once again found it's way back into the village summer calendar. Two people have been instrumental in these events –

Steve Vaux, with regards obtaining funds and then project managing the pavilion refurb which included new lighting, windows & doors, updated electrical wiring for both the pavilion and the tack shed, as well as re-decorating large parts of the pavilion. I believe Steve is working on a second trench of money to do further work on the pavilion, but this will have to wait a few years.

Richard Walker, resurrected this wonderful village institution that is the Summer Fete, and as a result of his efforts, over £4K was raised for the Lye Field charity. Richard has agreed to organise the 2023 event and I hope that the good folk of Seend get behind Richard again and help make this year's Fete another big success.

I would like to put on record my thanks to both Steve & Richard for the efforts in supporting the Charity.

The pavilion has been regularly used by playgroup, baby & toddler & many other groups & societies. The playing field was in constant use by both the Seend Utd and Lavis football teams and Melksham CC are just about to embark on a season using the Lye cricket pitch for one of their new teams.

As at previous AGM's, the Right of Way dispute with Mr MacDonald is still with us. Over the course of the last 12 months the Trustees have been working with our solicitors and barristers but we still find ourselves potentially facing court action during 2024 unless Mr MacDonald concedes.

After advice from counsel & with the help of other third parties, we have taken action, which we believe will allow us to beat Mr MacDonald's RoW claim. I will keep the Trustees and the Committee updated of events as required and certainly during the Quarterly Meetings.

I would also like to thank my fellow Trustees, Committee Members and all the many volunteers (especially the LOTSW group) for all their help & support over the last year in keeping the Lye Field & pavilion facility operational,

A special thanks also goes to Steve Vaux, who has been the Committee's Secretary & my wingman for the last 8 years. His dedication to this wonderful village facility has been immense over the years and I am most grateful.

Thank You.