

Chairman's Report – East Boldre School Fields Trust

1st April 2020 – 31st March 2021

Hello and welcome to everyone for joining in our first ever zoom AGM at the School Field's Trust. The past 12 months was a strange and unusual year for us all with the coronavirus pandemic, and even though the hall has had to remain closed for hire the last year. With face to face contact prohibited or reduced, the committee has been in email and zoom contact during this time. We have continually monitored the use of the site in regard to the government guidelines, with signs, reduced opening hours and weekly site visits from the committee.

The committee have worked hard in raising money for the hall with no hall hire or events allowed to be held due to the government restrictions, we have turned our attention to grant applications and have been successful in a number of applications. This means we have been able to go ahead with planned works to the site including a new car park fence, and a comprehensive boundary renovation, including reducing and removing dead trees to let our hedge line flourish and thicken up for sound proofing and screening.

Going forward we have plans this coming year to install new bike racks and benches, paint the outside of the hall, install a new cattle grid, and improvements and small play additions to the playground.

November 2020 saw the installation of the committee's largest project recently, a new under 5s children's play area. The play area project has been worked on over the last two years, from research, fundraising and installation. The new area has been well received from the visitors to the site and enjoyed by so many already.

My hope, as I'm sure all will agree is that we can return to some sort of normality this year and the hall can be opened up for us for hire, for all to enjoy.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the committee for their continued hard work with the up keep and running of the School Fields and I hope we can move forward with new ideas and enthusiasm for the coming year.