

BAWDSEY VILLAGE HALL & RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE REPORT NOVEMBER 2016

We had 14 people come along on Sunday October 16th, which was a really good turnout, but not attracting any new faces from the village. We had hired a skip and cleared the old shed/pavilion, and threw away some 70 old chairs from the main pavilion. This still leaves us with some 100 chairs not in bad condition. We also replaced some broken fence panels and swept and scraped the play area surface. Andrew Rouse thankfully came along on the Saturday and the Sunday and repaired some vandalized gate fixings and repaired the old pavilion. Tasks still to do are to treat and paint the play equipment.

Vandalism has been a problem in the play area, but talking to Peter Monk he says that they have had visits from a gang of motor cyclists, with L plates, arriving late on Sunday nights. The last time he blocked the entrance with his car and moved them on. We do not seem to have any further problems since then.

However John Fiddes has had to clear up the East lane carpark on Monday mornings where the rubbish has been emptied out of the bins and spread around the area. One wonders if they are the same group who have been causing the mess up there.

Whilst on the subject of the East Lane car park which is our joint responsibility, the stakes which stops travellers moving onto the small grass field between the rock pile and the carpark have been broken therefore leaving us vulnerable to a traveller encampment.

We had a very successful firework night, a big thank you to Chris for not only allowing villagers to get rid of their garden greenery, but also for having our firework party up there. We are very reliant on Bushel to build up the fire and light it for us. This year has been made very difficult for him because the gate leading into the field has been broken leaving it open for the whole year for people all around the district to dump their stuff for a large area around the fire, where as previously it was open for a short time before the firework night. By having an open field leaves us open also to a traveller site parking its self on there.

We now have the facility of booking tennis courts on line thanks to Rob Johnson and Dianne Rouse. We will have to organise new locks for the courts. We also have to increase our membership of the tennis club next year to compensate for the loss of the use by the manor. They paid us £470 this year which will not be there next.