Hildersham Field Garden Trust and Recreation Ground Trust Chairman's Annual Report Year –

2023 to 2024

The Trust meetings now follow the regular Parish Council meeting and the Trustees are the current members of the Parish Council. We would expect over time for this to evolve.

We have not been able to set up a bank account in the Trusts name as banks no longer offer this service, so it has been agreed that the Trusts will use a dedicated account but in the Parish Council's name. This has now been set up and funds related to the Trusts are now held in this account.

Recreation Ground

The trusts have looked at options to improve the maintenance of the new tree plantation on the recreation ground and have agreed to hire a brush cutter in the spring to reduce the growth around the new trees.

Allotments (North Holding)

A plan to divide the long allotment plots into two halves and create a central path through the middle is now possible with the turnover of allotment holders. This work is now planned and will hopefully address the waiting list.

However considerable cost has been incurred to clear some plots of sheds etc. left by previous users. We plan to change the tenancy agreement to make it the responsibility of the allotment holder to return the allotment back to the condition in which they started the tenancy.

South Holding

The land has been returned to the Trust. No further work has been done on the potential development of the site to fund a new village hall and create some affordable housing for the village.

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