

Hildersham Field Garden Trust and Recreation Ground Trust Chairman's Annual Report Year – 2024 to 2025

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.

Recreation Ground

The Trust has looked at options to improve the maintenance of the new tree plantation on the recreation ground and has included the maintenance as part of the overall village grass cutting plan. The Trust also hired a contractor to do a one-off cut of the area during the year. A new gate has also been installed to allow bigger machinery to enter the plantation, for the purposes of cutting.

Two of the gates into the recreation ground have been repaired during the year and a tree over hanging one of the footbridges has been pollarded as it was in danger of collapse.

The ditch at the far end of the recreation ground has been cleared and the pipe draining the ditch into the river also unblocked. Much of the self-set vegetation along the bank has been cleared and bark chippings from this work have been spread at some of the entrances to the recreation ground.

Allotments (North Holding)

A plan to divide the long allotment plots into two halves and create a central path through the middle has now been implemented and all but two of the plots are now occupied.

The hedge along the allotment boundary has been cut and a dead tree removed.

A WhatsAP group has been set up for allotment holders.

South Holding

Two sets of bollards in front of the gate to the field have now been stolen. The Trust will look at other solutions to protect access. 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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