

Playing field Report for Annual Parish Meeting

The playing field has proven to be a valuable asset to the community over the last year with lots of people using it for exercise and socializing.

Although it didn't go according to plan and we haven't been able to use it as much as we'd hoped the new pavilion was handed over in May 2020. Along with the required changing rooms, the pavilion has a great meeting space and fully fitted kitchen, it's fully heated so usable all year round.

Along with the new pavilion the field has seen lots of improvements over the last 12 months, the tennis courts have been resurfaced and are looking very smart. We have a new parking area, new gates and new steps for the footpath.

The Stampede will not take place in 2020 and we are very grateful to the parish council for the grant that they have recently awarded us as the Stampede is the main fundraiser for the playing field.

If you have been out and about recently you would have seen lots of activity on the playing field. Along with Stoke Cricket team we now have a team from Curry Rivel playing on the field on Sundays. The team will also be running All Star Cricket for 5-11 year olds on Friday evenings from 7th May. The tennis club continue to provide tennis for all ages. Although the season has ended early Ruishton Under 13's Football team have returned to training on Saturday mornings and will return to play their home games in the Autumn. We have two exercise groups using the field every week. African Somerset will return to the field on 10 July and the school leavers camp returns in July as well.

The playing field celebrates its 70th anniversary on the 29th May and we will mark this along with the official opening of the pavilion on 21st August with an event. We will hold the annual village bonfire on the 7th November and the Stampede will return in January 2021