

Stoke St Michael community field annual report 2020/2021

Annual report to the parish council

The past year has been undermined by the Covid epidemic. Like all outdoor and event spaces nationwide we have lost all the activity that would have occurred in 2020/21

The league football season for Stoke Rovers was lost. The WW2 memorial summer weekend was lost. The junior soccer season with Midsomer Norton was lost.

We did continue to maintain the field and the play areas all year. This is an expensive business and the repairs that Somerset Playing field association have highlighted are not all in place. We have set up a "blooms for bees" zone around part of the perimeter of the field. This is a village wide scheme encouraged by Natural England and lead in Stoke, by Simon Clarke.

Major work was carried out on the half pipe with funding from Cookswood quarry. John Wainwright's quarries have supported our plan to set up soccer for fun for youngsters in the village with further generous support. This is a summer scheme to get Sunday games back on the field with boys and girls of all ages out to play.

It is very important to record how grateful I am to Keith Hambly and Amanda Taylor for all their help. The trustees and I have much to thank them for this past year.

John Johnston chair St St M C F