

Emneth Playing Field Committee (Charity no. 802015)

Trustees' Annual Report 2010/11

The year has been dominated by our project to improve and modernise the children's play area. This ambitious project has a capital budget of £56,500 financed by funding from Emneth Parish Council (£5,001), Norfolk Playing Fields Association (£1,500) and the remainder (£49,999) is the subject of a bid to the Big Lottery Fund the result of which we should know by the end of July, 2011. If successful, it is hoped that the new play area will be installed by Autumn 2011.

In addition to this capital funding, local volunteers have raised a total of some £2,300 through events such as supermarket bag packs and a highly successful children's Christmas party held in December 2010. To date, over forty local residents have registered as *Friends of Emneth Playing Field* and many have undertaken to participate in voluntary community input for aspects of the provision and maintenance of the new play area.

Now that use of the new pavilion is well established we are beginning to consider options for the future use of the old pavilion and community consultation is in progress. We are acutely aware of the need to provide additional facilities for older children and this will be part of the consultation.

We are attempting to raise our profile with the local community. Our website went live during the year and is updated on a regular basis. People registered as *Friends of Emneth Playing Field* receive regular e-mail updates of our progress with the play area. However, to maintain enough capacity to discharge our obligation under our lease from the Parish Council we urgently need to recruit additional people to serve as Trustees who will be actively involved in the work of our Management Committee.

Michael Clayton

Chair

June 2011