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Fellow Residents,

As Spring is now with us, the smell of freshly cut grass and barbeques will be wafting around Elsea Park for months to come. I'm sure you're all looking forward to enjoying the warmer weather and some much-needed respite from the lockdown restrictions.

We are very much looking forward to regaining some normality and getting the Community Centre activities back up and running. We'll be welcoming our regular hirer's back to recommence their groups and sessions as soon as we can and I'm sure you'll all welcome getting back to the activities you previously enjoyed.

We know how important it is to keep you informed and we've thought hard about how to maximise our communication with you. There are important details within the Newsletter regarding how we intend to keep you updated and moving forward our channels of communication will include email, our website, newsletters and social media. I'd encourage you all to sign up to our email mailing list for the latest news and updates – further details inside.

The AGP has now been open for a few weeks and it's been great to see groups and residents making use of this wonderful new facility. We are looking forward to further easing of restrictions in the forthcoming weeks, which will enable us to expand the usage and I hope you or a family member will be able to utilise this great addition to Elsea Park.

We are really grateful for your patience and understanding whilst we've opened the facility at a

difficult time. It has been frustrating for us, given the years we've worked on this project, but we're very close to having the facility how we envisaged. If you haven't done so already, give our Facebook page a 'like' and join the group; just search for "Elsea Park AGP".

Knowing how important the facilities and play areas are to you and your family, we've also identified improvements to future play areas for less formal sport. We hope, once the play area at The Furlongs is transferred to us, to create a multi-use games area (MUGA), North Green will have a marked grass pitch and goals, and the play area adjacent to the AGP is also expected to have an all weather surface. It's unlikely that the MUGA and pitch will be provided before they are officially opened, but we'll prioritise this work when we are in a position to do so.

There are some important updates within this edition of the newsletter and some great articles from residents, so pop the kettle on, find a comfy seat and put your feet up.

Take care and I look forward to seeing you at some point soon.

Jono Brough
Chairman



Photo: Stamford Mercury

ELSEA PARK ARTIFICIAL GRASS PITCH (AGP)



WE ARE OPEN!!! The culmination of six year's work has finally come to fruition and we are delighted to see this wonderful facility open for the benefit of the community.

The original Masterplan for Elsea Park included two grass football pitches, which would have straddled the high-pressure gas main that runs through Zone 9. However, changes to Health and Safety regulations prevented these from being delivered so Kier proposed splitting the location of the pitches, with one being laid on North Green (north-west of Wherry's Spinney) and the other at the original site.

Unfortunately, Kier were not prepared to provide parking or changing rooms and toilets to both sites. Given that the purpose of the pitches was for the provision of facilities to support formal football matches and football training, The Trust did not feel Kier's proposals would serve its needs. As an alternative, we broached the idea of a single, all weather, Artificial Grass Pitch (AGP).

Subsequent meetings with the Football Association and The Football Foundation (who provided significant funding) confirmed their agreement that there was a real need for this sort of facility to serve Bourne and they agreed to support the

project in principle. The plans were discussed at the AGM in 2015 and 2016, with a formal vote being taken at the latter and there was overwhelming agreement that this represented the best possible outcome for residents and the local community.

With The Trust having organised the funding, Kier submitted an application to SKDC for a variation of the Section 106 Agreement and associated Masterplan to provide a single AGP. After a few hurdles were jumped, planning was approved in May 2017.

To secure the external funding for the pitch itself, The Trust needed the backing of partner clubs and local organisations. Bourne Town, Bourne Town Juniors and Thurlby Tigers all gave their commitment to sign up as partners and to contribute towards the capital costs, and whilst this inevitably meant the partner clubs having priority over use of the facility during the football season, without their involvement, the project would have been dead in the water. In any case, all three clubs count residents of Elsea Park amongst their players and members.

The partner clubs will bring grassroots football development to our doorstep and residents will



be able to have use of the facility completely free at 'resident only' sessions. The floodlighting will maximise the usability and provide a safe environment for sport, whilst the pitch surface will also enable utilisation in all weathers and without detrimental impact to the quality of the playing conditions.

It would be remiss of us not to mention the significant financial contribution from Kier towards the new pavilion and for the provision of the car park and access road. Grants were also generously provided by The Len Pick Trust, South Kesteven District Council, and Bourne Town Council.

We look forward to welcoming you and your family to the AGP in the very near future.



MEET... OUR FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

My name is Greg Handsley and I am the new Football Development Officer at Elsea Park Community Trust where I will be developing and increasing participation on the new artificial grass pitch (AGP). Therefore, I am your point of contact should you have any queries about the facility, or if you would like help setting up a new provision at the site.

My position is a joint role with Lincolnshire FA, where I am also the Football Development Officer for Disability and Inclusion football throughout the County. Therefore, I hold a wide array of knowledge about grassroots football within the local area, giving the residents of Bourne a unique advantage of seeing increased football provision within the area.

My background is multi-faceted, with extensive knowledge within the world of sport. I graduated from

York St John University with a 1st class (Hons) degree in Sport Science and Injury Rehabilitation, this propelled me to attend Loughborough University where I secured an MSc in Exercise Physiology. My professional experience is extended to include time working within first-team football settings as a Sport Scientist and an Exercise Physiologist for clubs such as Lincoln City FC, Notts County FC and a host of Premier League clubs. Within a clinical setting, I have a keen interest in the physiological effects of passive heating interventions and their potential implications in healthcare. This interest has resulted in me becoming a published author with the article 'The effects of local versus systemic passive heating on the acute inflammatory, vascular and glycaemic response' within the journal 'Applied Physiology, Nutrition, and Metabolism'.

This professional, academic and clinical experience provides me with firm foundations to make a significant impact within the Bourne area and this is something I am very excited about achieving. Whilst

the first few weeks of the facilities opening have been challenging, the interest and commitment from staff, residents and players have been inspiring. This devotion to the facility is allowing very exciting developments to be made which will have a big impact on the wider community and allow more people to access football should they wish to do so. Areas that are specifically growing quickly are Women's & Girls football and disability football.

Elsea Park residents are in a unique position to have someone with strong connections with the FA and surrounding clubs and having a new, first-class facility on their doorsteps. Therefore, I would encourage everyone to take advantage of this new pitch and get involved in any way they can. It is very important to remember that football is much more than kicking a ball and is not only for teams of eleven men on a Saturday afternoon!

Football is inclusive for everyone, regardless of their

age, gender, ability or desire to play the game. There are multiple new formats of the game and countless roles that can help you step into the logistical and coaching side of the game. Football, and sport in general, is a powerful way to meet new people, overcome personal adversities or follow a passion. Therefore, it is my commitment to help everyone access football in any way and enjoy the benefits of the game. If you feel like this is something you would like to be involved in, please do not hesitate to get in contact with me.

I look forward to seeing you all at the facility soon, meanwhile you can reach me at greg.handsley@agp.elseapark.co.uk

Book the pitch online at <https://app.bookapitch.com/venues/866>



EASTER COLOURING COMPETITION AND EGG HUNT



RESIDENTS' CORNER



Our first Easter colouring competition saw dozens of entries being submitted and it's clear we have some very talented youngsters. It was great to see so many children getting involved and witness all the happy faces meeting the Easter Bunny and collecting their well-deserved prizes.

A HUGE thank you has to go to Emma from Emma's Crafty Crayons for the very generous donation of colouring packs as additional prizes to the Easter eggs. They were definitely a big hit and I'm sure they sparked some creative artistry.

Well done to everyone that went on the hunt for Easter eggs, especially those that ventured out in their PJ's - great dedication. You can't beat chocolate for breakfast!



ELSEA PARK LITTER PICK GROUP

By Francesca Hampton

Chirping birds, scurrying squirrels, swishing trees and...rustling crisp packets.

A daily walk, a quick walk, an exercise walk, a walk with friends, walk the dog, walk the kids, a cheeky drink walk - whichever is your favourite they have become a fixture in many of our lives over the last year and thankfully we have lots of places nearby to keep them interesting.

One of those is the spinney that protrudes into Elsea Park. For our family it was literally a lifesaver which kept us all sane during lockdown 1.0 and ever since, being able to walk through an area full of trees and nature helped us relax after long days cooped up in the house. The kids were able to run free, building dens, scooting down the ramps, collecting stick swords, climbing trees; and I was able to take a deep breath and forget about all the worries of the world for just a moment.

Sounds picturesque right? Unfortunately, it's not always the beauty spot we would love it to be due to a constant plague of litter. A couple of local residents were talking about it on the Elsea Park Residents Facebook page last summer and I suddenly thought, it's time to stop moaning and do something about it instead. And that's when we set up the Elsea Park Volunteer Litter Pick Group!

When Covid restrictions allow we meet up once a month on a Sunday morning for an hour and pick up litter from the Spinney. Coat hangers, beer cans, snack and crisp packets, masks, chairs, bikes and a suitcase - you name it, we've picked it up. But the hugely positive thing is that you would be amazed how much of an impact just one hour has!

We're a welcoming friendly bunch so if you want to help out, please get in touch - no need to commit to every month, just as and when you can. It's a completely voluntary group with no affiliation to any organisation so it's all at your own risk. Common sense and a pair of gloves is really all you need! Our local Co-Op and Elsea Park Community Trust provide us with the rubbish bags and grabbers.

Let's beat the litter bugs together!
Please join the Facebook group or email Francesca at Francesca.hampton@yahoo.co.uk for the latest details.



Who I am

Working in the Animal industry for over 15 years, I have gained experience in Animal Behaviour, Handling, Welfare and Rehabilitation. This enables me to treat your pet with a well-rounded approach ensuring that their needs are fully met.

My name is Carlie and I am a fully insured, mobile Veterinary Physiotherapist, treating animals in the comfort of their own home. This ensures that stress levels are lowered and comfort is maximised, especially for animals that struggle with transport and new surroundings. I am a member of the International Association of Animal Therapists (IAAT) and the Animal Health Practitioner Register (AHPR), ensuring that the highest standards are upheld and continuous professional development is undertaken. At Vier Animal Physiotherapy, your animals' needs are at the forefront of everything that I do, taking into consideration your animals behaviour, needs and lifestyle to help tailor a specific rehabilitation plan so that they get the best from their treatment.



What is animal Physiotherapy?

Veterinary Physiotherapists work alongside Veterinary Surgeons to create tailored rehabilitation plans to help reduce pain, improve mobility and prevent the recurrence of injury in animals. Physiotherapy is used to help all animals. Horses and dogs, companion and sport, are the animals most commonly referred.

Benefits include: Increasing health and fitness, reducing pain and risk of injury, developing muscle health, strength and flexibility, developing joint health and range of motion, developing proprioception and balance.

What can I do to help?

Veterinary/Animal Physiotherapy is not only suitable for animals that have orthopaedic and neurological issues but is used to for maintenance and sporting animals. There are a variety of common issues I can treat such as Osteoarthritis, Hip and Elbow Dysplasia and Intervertebral Disc Disease.

I use a variety of methods such as Laser, Long Wave Ultrasound and Pulse Magnetic Field Therapy, Massage and Exercise Therapy to achieve the benefits mentioned above. Each technique is used in accordance with your pet's needs, from their own specific rehab/maintenance plan.

I provide rehabilitation sessions, maintenance sessions and fitness plans.

Have a look at how I can help on social media.

@Vier Animal Physiotherapy

@vier_animal_physiotherapy

And if you see me around the estate, come and say Hi!

IMPROVED PEDESTRIAN LINKS

We are looking to lay a new footpath across the public open space between Coltsfoot Drive and Springbank Drive. It has become evident that this is a route frequently being taken by residents on foot or bike and the ground conditions mean this can become waterlogged and muddy, so it makes sense to provide a safer and cleaner passage.

The path between Salisbury Gardens and South Road will also see some much-needed improvements. We plan to widen the path slightly (so that two people can pass each other easily)

and improve the surface by changing the existing hoggin to a compressed granite finish. This will offer a smoother ride to those using buggies, wheelchairs, or mobility scooters but should deter skateboarding thus keeping near-neighbours happy.

There will also be a chicane installed at the South Road end for added safety and we will enhance planting along either side of the path where possible, perhaps through the introduction of raised planters (the soil conditions have not allowed the shrubs that were planted to thrive).



Reporting Anti-Social Behaviour and Crime

By PCSO Graeme Parrott

This will be my 17th summer in the Bourne area and each year as the nights draw out and warmer weather arrives an increase in Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) by a few can ruin it for the many. But what one person sees as ASB another person might view as completely normal; we are all different in the way we live our lives but all too often people want us to live our lives their way.

With this in mind, it's really important that genuine Anti-Social Behaviour is reported to us via 101 whilst it is actually occurring. Though online reporting is a valuable tool, it is not real time, and dialling 101 ensures a resource (if available) can be sent to the area to deal with the issue there and then.

This is the proactive way to handle ASB. All too often I see reports via Social Media of minor criminal damage or ASB where the discussion goes something like 'the Police never do anything'. My point is, if we are not aware of what's going on at the time, how can we intervene to stop it? Despite posts often stating "we contacted the police" I can assure you that this is not always the case.

When reporting an incident that's occurring in an open space rather than at a dwelling or address, it's really important to know the correct location to pass to our Call Handlers. On so many occasions the only address

supplied to us has been "Elsea Park in Bourne" and we've recently worked with the Trust to ensure Google maps has all the parks / green areas named and these are now recognised by Lincolnshire Police on our Command-and-Control system.



Every so often I see discussions on the Elsea Park Residents Facebook page regarding CCTV and suggesting private security guards. Although both are proven methods to reduce crime and ASB they are not a complete solution, are not the only way to reduce ASB, and certainly won't work in isolation. Rather they are part of a much larger package of crime prevention / reduction initiatives which begin with caring members of the community reporting crime and ASB to the correct authorities.

So please, report what you see, when you see it, and have a wonderful summer as we finally come out of lockdown.

Graeme

Zone 7, the penultimate zone still to be developed on Elsea Park is currently being purchased by Bellway Homes. Known as "Abbey View", Zone 7 will be bounded by Kier's Zone 6 to the east (adjacent to Wherry's Spinney) and Barratt's Zone 8 to the west (the site of the former livery yard and adjacent fields).

Important pedestrian / cycleway and vehicular routes will be provided by Bellway as part of this development, most notably Public Footpath No. 3 and the "missing" link between Wincanton Way and Manor Lane.

Following discussion with both Bellway and Kier, The Trust have been able to obtain commitment for the early provision of the "missing" section of path. We know how much disruption this has caused in recent years and this is a real positive outcome. Initially,

the path will be a temporary (all weather) surface but at least you won't need wellies if you're walking that way this coming winter.

If Bellway's planning application under Reserved Matters is approved, the facilities and public open space that are proposed for our community should bring something quite unique to Elsea Park and offer a wonderful area for friends and family to meet, something I'm sure we all appreciate is even more important after the last twelve months.

Another very welcome feature will be a 'pump track' at the northern edge of the zone for use by bikes, skateboards, and scooters. We're sure your kids, and maybe even you, will enjoy this great facility. As soon as we have further updates on Zone 7, we will share them with you via all our available channels of communication.



PLAY AREA IMPROVEMENTS

The play area near the Community Centre on Cooke's Field is one of our most utilised facilities. Planned work to improve this area was delayed due to the pandemic, but we are now pressing forward with important enhancements and remedial work to bring these facilities back to their best.

Following a suggestion from a resident that The Trust should consider providing additional equipment in the play area at Aykroft, a balance beam and steppingstones (along with an all-weather surface) have recently been installed.

We also took the opportunity to change the fencing arrangement so that we could fit a second access / exit gate opposite the single gate that was provided when the play area was built nearly twenty years ago.

Taylor Wimpey have recently installed a new LAP (Local Area for Play) on the grassed area that forms part of their original Oak Springs development off The Gables. It's a low key site, with just a couple of balance beams, a few stepping stones, some seating, and a much needed bin.

Finally, the play areas at Springbank Drive, Elsea Park Way, and Aykroft have also had extensive edge repairs carried out to the original Wetpour surfacing. Unfortunately, the clay ground composition and high-water table result in heave and shrinkage, and the movement of the edging stones eventually results in gaps appearing which create a trip hazard.

It's largely for this reason that we now request the developers use Fibrefall all-weather safety surfacing around equipment in new play areas.





Many residents will remember the call to arms just before Christmas when some 56mm of rain fell in this area in less than 24 hours.

Although the surface water drainage systems on land owned by The Trust were able to cope with the excess water, poor maintenance of the ditch between the Sugar Mill and Tully Close and a partial obstruction of the Car Dyke downstream from that ditch resulted in flood water backing up in the habitat ponds on Elsea Meadows.

When the capacity of the habitat pond closest to the A15 roundabout was exceeded, water poured over Raymond



Mays Way and into the Wake Pond at the entrance to Tilia Way. Unfortunately, the Wake Pond began to fill at a faster rate than the hydrobrake that releases water into the culvert under the A15 roundabout could discharge it, and the pond breached, flooding Quaysides East and West, Tilia Way, and some of the surrounding roads.

It was only the magnificent efforts of residents (and other selfless volunteers) working together filling and distributing sandbags to protect properties late into that night which prevented any homes from flooding. The timely intervention by Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue really saved the day when they employed two massive pumps to empty the Wake Pond and discharge the water some 2 kilometres downstream from Elsea Park.

Subsequent investigations undertaken by Cllr Robert Reid who liaised with Lincs County Council and the Environment Agency resulted in enforcement action being taken against the owners which should prevent a recurrence of that night. Cllr Reid has further advised that LCC Highways have also discovered a partial blockage of a culvert under the A15 which may also have contributed to the problem. It is expected that this will be rectified in the near future, though it may result in the road being closed whilst the work is carried out.

Parking

Whilst The Trust have no jurisdiction over parking on the roads and footways of Elsea Park, we'd like to ask all residents to show consideration to their neighbours, other road users, and pedestrians when deciding where to park.

Please remember that safety (rather than your own convenience) should be paramount, and that there are better places to park than on roundabouts, bends in the road, road junctions, and anywhere where the visibility of oncoming or emerging traffic is compromised. Perhaps consider if there was an accident caused by your inconsiderate parking if you might be held partly to blame.

Ball Games

Unfortunately, we need to remind residents that ball games should NOT be played in the equipped play areas as this poses the risk of a young child being struck by a ball resulting in harm or injury. There are vast areas of green space within Elsea Park, so if your children want to play ball games, please encourage them to take advantage of those areas.

We want to enable young children to use the equipped play areas and ensure they feel safe and secure whilst playing. On that score, if you're a dog owner, please do not take your dogs into the fenced areas. The fences and gates are designed to help keep children in and animals out!

Fly Tipping and Household Waste

There have been numerous instances of residents putting out domestic waste with their silver recycling bins including venetian blinds, electrical equipment, and furniture components. These are not on SKDC's list of recyclable items.

The refuse collection teams will not take such waste, so please, if you put something out that is not picked up by their team, do the decent thing. Take it back home when you collect your bin and dispose of it properly.

Please don't expect anyone else to clear away YOUR rubbish.



NEWSLETTERS & COMMUNICATIONS

As part of The Trust's ongoing quest to reduce our carbon footprint, we are pleased to confirm that (as requested by many a resident) we are planning on moving over to an e-Newsletter.

We will be looking at circulating the e-Newsletter predominantly by email after the next two printed editions are delivered to every door, and would like to invite residents to sign up for the e-Newsletter and for other electronic communications from The Trust by dropping an email to ecomms@elseapark.co.uk giving your name, address, and email address. There will also be a sign-up page on The Trust's website.

We hope that through subscribing in this way, we'll be able to get in touch with you more easily and keep you better informed of matters of interest and importance, particularly if they are of an urgent nature. This will augment (rather than replace)

the website (which has been recently updated) and the other social media platforms used by The Trust. We will also, in time, be able to ask you if you would prefer that we communicated with you via email rather than via Royal Mail.

For those of you who don't want to subscribe but would still like to receive a hard copy of the newsletter, please let us know by telephoning or writing to the office and we'll take a note of your name and address and let you know how to get hold of a copy when the development-wide distribution ceases.

Please be assured that we will not share your details with anyone else or use your email address for any purpose other than getting in touch with you as outlined above. Furthermore, once the system is up and running, you will be able to unsubscribe at any time.

ARTS AROUND ELSEA PARK

On Sunday 30 May, as part of the Arts Around Town Programme, SKDC are staging arts events across Bourne. Some sessions will be held on Elsea Park and will take place on Cooke's Field, the play area directly to the south of the community centre. Other events will be held on The Wellhead and the car park at the Corn Exchange.

SKDC say "there will be plenty of fun activities to enjoy and something for all the family. Through these events SKDC will employ 50 Artists, 5 Creative Producers, and provide 50 outdoor or online arts experiences to engage with residents and keep the arts in SK alive!"

Most of the events are ticketed and numbers limited due to COVID-19, but hopefully, some of you will have seen links we posted on The Trust's and the Elsea Park Residents' Facebook pages and managed to get hold of tickets for the sessions. We have had no control over publicity or ticketing; The Trust are just providing the space for "Folk Fields".

