



## Keeping Active, Keeping Healthy

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Registered Charity Number 1178797

### We Are Registered!!

We finally have had confirmation that our application to become a registered Charity has been accepted. Crack open the champagne! There are a number of benefits, primarily around funding.

Firstly, among other tax reliefs, we will be able to claim Gift Aid on any donation from a UK tax payer. (See Membership inset). Secondly we will be able to chase various pockets of money which are only available to organisations with charitable status. Some are sponsorship, others relate to "Corporate Social Responsibility" funds and others are national funds - such as the Lottery. As we have varied activities on offer to the wider community, we are more likely to be able to secure funding. This is important because sustained funding allows us to support the many facets of the project as they grow, and provides HFL football club and the other activities attached to the project with a viable future.

Apart from financial benefits, a wealth of information and support opens up to us, and we will be making the most of this!

The Trustees of this organisation are well known faces – Phil Gibbs, Richard Harris, Dawn Baker, Russell Wood and Helen Gibbs. With charitable status comes some regulatory requirements. But because most of our members just want to come and enjoy themselves, the Trustees are working hard to minimise the burden of regulation, whilst still remaining compliant. For some this is an opportunity to learn. For example 11 trustees and members attended First Aid training recently, which was great fun and useful. We hope we get the balance right – if not, let us know!

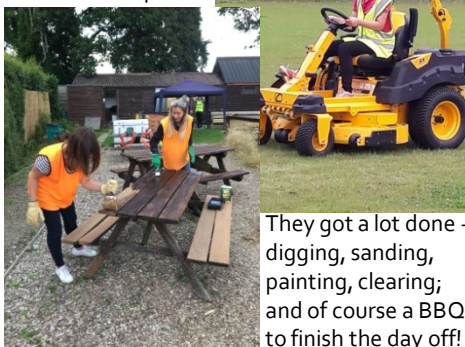
### Membership



✓ *Annual Membership is now due and new membership forms will be issued. We will need all members to complete a new form, which, for the tax payers amongst us, has the option to Gift Aid the membership amount. This allows us to claim an additional 28p from the government for every pound. Thank you.*

### Site Maintenance

Now is the time to get on with some much-needed maintenance at the site. The next **Work Day is on 3 July** for anyone who can make it. Earlier in June we had a fantastic day when Wood Mackenzie Ltd sent a team down from London to help.



They got a lot done - digging, sanding, painting, clearing; and of course a BBQ to finish the day off!

### Hills Farm Lane Vets Football

A few friendlies are being played by the vets, all at Roffey FC ground while the main Shipley pitch rests over the Summer. The squad's defence of their League title restarts early September and the squad now needs to focus on fitness in preparation for a testing season.

**Training for vets, Holbrook, Tues 7-8pm.**

### Pétanque

This weather is perfect for boules. Don't forget to join in on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June** from 6pm at Shipley Football ground for an evening of pétanque and BBQ. Food is £5 per plate, and drinks are available to buy.

### Walking Football

Walking footballers christened the Junior Pitch last week while the walking football pitch was out of action for drainage work.

### The Green Project

With the new guttering around the clubhouse and changing rooms installed by Stan, who is also plumbing in two huge water butts at the side of the Men's Shed, we are doing our bit to maintain the building structure and save water for planting. All we need now is some rain! Sincere thanks to Stan.



### Men's Shed

The Men's Shed team is turning its attention to making a range of Christmas toys (only 26 weeks to go!). The Shedders continue to welcome new members.

### Football Pitch Drainage

After some serious digging, the perforated pipes are laid between the junior pitch and main pitch, and also along the walking football pitch. This should help to keep the water moving off the Pitches in the wettest winter months.



If you have any questions or comments please do discuss it with one of the Trustees.

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