

EAST LEAKE PLAYING FIELD CHARITY – Charity Number 522209
Annual Report for the year to 31 March 2006

The East Leake Playing Fields Charity (address for correspondence : Mr C Oatey, 7 Hall Gardens, East Leake, Loughborough, Leics LE12 6NA) is registered with the Charity Commissioners (No. 522209) and constituted by Deed of Trust.

The Charity is administered by a Management Committee which usually meets on the last Monday of each month. The composition of the Management Committee is defined in the Constitution of the Charity: The nominated representatives and elected members for the financial year 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006 were:

Chairman	-	Dr Brian Carman-Meakin	(East Leake Parish Council – to May)
Secretary	-	Mr Conrad Oatey	(Harry Carlton School)
Treasurer	-	Mrs Doris Elcock	(Elected)
Other members	-	Mr Peter Forman	(East Leake Cricket Club)
		Dr Nigel Kendall	(East Leake Rugby Club)
		Mr Andrew Newcombe	(East Leake Bantams)
		Mr Graeme Smith	(Senior Soccer – joint representative)
		Mr Andrew Fletcher	(Senior Soccer – joint representative)
		Mrs Marie Males	(East Leake Parish Council)
		Mr John Needham	(East Leake Parish Council)
		Mr Paul Morrissey	(Elected)
		Mr Tony Morris	(Coopted)
		Mr Brian Dale	(East Leake Parish Council – from June)

Members of East Leake Parish Council were not appointed as Trustees of the Charity to ensure that they could act as impartial representatives of the Parish Council. The Charity Trustees are, therefore, all the above except Dr Brian Carman-Meakin, Mrs Marie Males, Mr Brian Dale and Mr John Needham.

The object of the Charity is to manage the Costock Road facilities for the communal benefit of East Leake and its surrounding area, defined as the "area of benefit". The Management Committee aims to provide good sports and hall facilities at an affordable cost to the voluntary sports and community organisations in the area of benefit.

During the 2005/2006 financial year, usage of the facilities remained consistent with the previous year, involving 2 regular senior soccer clubs (plus one occasional-use club), junior soccer (7 age groups), cricket and rugby. There was also occasional use by Harry Carlton School and Airboss World (Power-kiting). Use of the internal facilities was enjoyed by U3A (table tennis) and Chalfield Dog Training Club.

The Management Committee redirected its efforts from a new Phase 2 building towards developing plans for refurbishing the Old Pavilion. A survey of the building indicated that the basic structure is sound, and therefore proposals are being developed to re-clad the exterior and to install replacement toilets and showers. Progress however remains very slow, partly because of a lack of involvement from user clubs.

The charity remains financially sound, chiefly because of the generous financial support from East Leake Parish Council. Without this annual subsidy the expenditure on pitch maintenance, cleaning, utilities and insurance could only be met with a substantial increase in fees charged to clubs.

Conrad Oatey
26 May 2006