

# BAXTER'S FIELD WINTER NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2018 GREETINGS

## RENOVATION OF THE MAIN ENTRANCE AREA

This project has now been finished. The steps were built by Steve Mockford, a local fencer with his assistants Kevin and Nick.

The handrail, two new copse gates and fencing alongside the copse from flint wall to second gate are made of recycled plastic from bottles – 40,000 est. They were constructed by Ray Sargent and mates of Holwood Company.

Both projects proceeded with great efficiency.

Total cost £16,004.00

Funded by: -

National Lottery £10,000

Co-op Local Community Fund £2,779.53

Yorkshire Building Society £1600

Lewes Town Council £750

from donations £874.47



The main gate has also been repainted and the entrance is now open. The handrail has been coated with anti-graffiti paint as some of you will remember that days after the erection of the new wooden handrail, the whole length was covered in spray paint graffiti.

## BOWLING GREEN FENCING

Shortly after the main gate area was finished, the steep drop at the east end of the bowling green was re-fenced by Steve Rose assisted by Dan. Green metal bow-top fencing panels, previously used to close our boundary at the far end of the eastern side, were reused with new wooden inter panel posts. Embedded on a difficult edge with impressive speed/skill and looks very attractive. The cost £750 was funded by the Field's general fund raising.



## NEW PIVOTABLE GATE AT LOWER ENTRANCE

This was constructed using existing fencing and new drop bolts by GM Ironworks of Newhaven with great speed and efficiency. The main purpose is to enable the grass mowers to be brought in and this is working well. Otherwise the gate will be kept locked with just the pedestrian side open.



## SO, EVERYTHING IS NOW FINISHED?

'Finished' is not a word we can use with a 4-acre site and lots of trees and safety features needing to be in place.

Work needed to be done:

The long-vandalised stretch of fencing on the down side of the copse needs replacing as does the last section from lower copse gate to the field. This will match the recycled plastic fencing and we await the quotation.

1923 fence along Bradford Road.

Needs patching - up welding where breaks are occurring in struts, bottom rails and supports. Eventually replacement – a massive funding task.

## WEB SITE

David James responded to our plea for someone to help with the web site. He uses WordPress and this will be a great help. Pages are being redesigned and will be up and available in the New Year.

## THANKING THE CO-OP



We went to thank customers at our 'local' Co-op store in Woodingdean for supporting us as the local cause. Grant £2779.53. We gave our leaflets and yummy cupcakes (supplied by the store) and took a mini exhibition of the main gate renovation.

## TESCO BUCKET COLLECTION

Baxter's Field was invited to collect on Mon Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>. From 6am – 9pm we collected £315.45 so thanks to all Tesco customers for their generosity, to the store for the opportunity and warm welcome by staff.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

1. Maintenance mornings – 1<sup>st</sup> Sun every month – weather permitting.
2. Support fund raising events – from April 2019 there will be regular monthly sales of books, bric a brac, cakes and produce, jams, jumble and plants. Watch out for dates.