

Orleton Recreation Association

Graham Shaw

Chair – ORA



ORA - a brief history



In Sept 1988, Margaret and Fred Apperley sold the 11-acres of land at a price below market rates to the village



During a two-year period, a huge amount of work was done by villagers to improve and make it what it has become - a wonderful addition to our village



During the last 30 years, it has been used by the young and the old, from people from the village and beyond, from sports-people to dog-walkers to families and to those who want to sit and enjoy the beautiful countryside.



The Rec comprises a woodland area, a pond, a pavilion and a play area and about 75% of it is grassed.

How does it all work?



The land was bought by the Parish Council who for good (though complex) reasons, act as Custodian Trustees.



Custodian Trustees have no day-to-day involvement with the asset that they own, and it has zero value in their accounts.



As a result, a charity – Orleton Recreation Association – was set up to manage the recreation ground on a day-to-day basis, acting as management trustees.



There are up to 13 Trustees

6 Elected Trustees

7 Appointed Trustees from Village Institutions



We continue to receive an enormous amount of support from volunteers, for which we are hugely grateful.

Who are we?

- The Trustees for the 2025/26 year are:
 - Marj Pritchard (Elected Trustee and Treasurer)
 - Graham Shaw (Elected Trustee and Chair)
 - Andrew Cadwallader (Elected Trustee)
 - Claire Morgan (Elected Trustee)
 - Graham Jenkins (Elected Trustee)
 - Jane Clayton (Elected Trustee and Secretary)
 - Brian Powell (PC appointed Trustee)
 - Liz Mackay (Orleton School appointed Trustee)
 - Alisha Davidson (OYFC appointed Trustee)
 - Clare Smith (OJD FC appointed Trustee)
 - Haydn Morgan (Cubs & Beavers appointed Trustee)



What have we achieved in the last year?

Strong period of improved relationships with organisations across the village

Improved communications via our Notice Boards, Grapevine

Secured insurance to cover the Off-road cycle track that has proven very popular with the young adults of the village

Improved the financial position of the Charity - we now have c£44k in reserves.

Successfully underwent a full ROSPA Audit of the Rec

Felled trees that presented a hazard

And installed Fred and Margaret's bench!

And...

- **Raised £115,000 for the Pavillion project**

- Hugely grateful to the following:
 - Clive Richards Foundation
 - Herefordshire County Council – S106 Money
 - Garfield Weston Foundation
 - Orleton and District Junior Football Team
 - Orleton Young Farmers
 - CHIP
 - Richards Castle Soap-Box Derby
- £20,000 of ORA's Reserves will be used on this project.

What are the priorities for the future?

1

Making sure that everyone is as safe as possible when using the Rec

2

Making ORA financially viable and able to stand on its own two feet

3

Finishing the Pavilion project...finally

4

Improving access to the Rec

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Improving the condition of the Rec

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Increasing the facilities offered by the Rec

And finally, a huge thanks

To everyone who helps with the Rec

There are upwards of 60 people in the village who help the Rec in so many ways

Without these amazing people the Rec could not operate

Does anyone have any questions?