

Report to Chale Annual Parish Meeting 10 May 2023

Chale Recreation Ground Ltd

The charity's year ended 31 March saw a greatly improved financial situation with the accounts likely to show a more usual level of surplus against costs over the year compared to the significant loss of income over the previous two pandemic affected years .

As ever, we are able to contain our costs while maintaining the recreation ground for all year round use thanks in no small part to the support we receive in the terms of use of equipment, inexpensively costed work by local contractors and our small army of volunteers.

In addition to the regular and popular car boot sales, Action Challenge ran another successful event and there was further charity fund raising at horse and car shows. Chale Show returned after a covid absence and made a significant donation for additional maintenance work required at the field. These events plus the support of donations from users, for which we are grateful, enabled us to improve our overall financial position.

Daily usage of the field by individuals continues at higher than pre pandemic levels and we have ensured that it is maintained and the toilets are regularly serviced. Grass cutting, rolling and other work has been undertaken as normal to ensure that the field is in a safe and usable state.

The wet weather has meant a slow start to the activities on the field as the ground has been very soft. The field will again provide the start and finish location for the Action Challenge event over the early May Bank Holiday.

We are looking forward to the Chale Show on the first weekend in August and the car show in June as well as a charity horse show in July.

We are always on the lookout for volunteers to join our team to manage the car boot sales as they continue to grow in size, year on year.

Anyone who is interested in volunteering is welcome to contact Wendy Hardy or me. We reward our volunteers with a free cup of tea!

Malcolm Groves,

Chair, Chale Recreation Ground Ltd