

Report to Chale Annual Parish Meeting 14 May 2025

Chale Recreation Ground Ltd

A wetter than usual year led to the cancellation of some car boot sales and a consequent loss of income for the charity. Costs are kept under control thanks to the support we receive in terms of the provision and free use of equipment, donated and inexpensively costed work by local contractors and our small army of volunteers. This generosity from our community is gratefully received.

In addition to the regular and popular car boot sales, Action Challenge ran another successful event with participants raising funds for charities and there was further charity fund raising at a car show. Following a successful Chale Show, Chale Horticultural Society 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.

We declined the offer from Esso in respect of their CO2 pipeline project on the basis that 'the proposed survey work, if it extends to boreholes, trial holes and the like would disrupt the use of the recreation ground and offer no benefit to users and be contrary to the achievement of our charitable objectives.' Esso decided not to proceed in any case.

The field continues to be popular with individuals every day 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. We continue to encourage Island Roads to manage the drains along the Military Road on a regular basis to limit the flood damage caused by run off from the road at the field entrance.

We have our usual schedule of car boot sales planned and we are looking forward to the Chale Show on the first weekend in August and the car show on 29 June. The horticultural show continues to be popular as a major island event and the car show continues to grow in popularity every year. Both are worthwhile fund raising events for a wide range of island charities.

We are always on the lookout for volunteers to join our team to manage parking at the car boot sales as they continue to grow in popularity.

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