

### **Haxey Playing Field**

The Playing Field on Haxey Lane is a much valued village facility.

On the field is a wide range of facilities for children. These consist of Junior and Toddler Play Areas; BMX Track; Basketball Area and a Ball Wall. The most recent addition is a set of Junior Football goals, available for use at all times.

Areas available for organised sports are; bowls, cricket, football and tennis. Clubs which use these facilities are represented on the management committee. Details of these clubs and their contact details are displayed on the notice board near the main car park.

Part of the Playing Field is Haxey and District Bowls Club, a small but friendly club that is always ready to welcome new members. They have three teams playing in the Scunthorpe Evening Leagues and one team playing in the over 60's on Tuesday afternoons. For prospective new members there is coaching available, daytime or evening. If you are interested contact John Hopkinson (Club Captain) on **07800512040**.

The new Community Pavilion has a pleasant social area available to hire for meetings and parties. Particularly valuable is a large area for play right outside the pavilion with plenty of space to erect a bouncy castle/gazebo etc. For information and bookings tel: **01427 753191**

Haxey Playing Field Association is a registered charity, which acts as the management committee for the Playing Field. In addition to dealing with day-to-day issues on the field, this group of volunteers is also responsible for raising funds for maintenance and improvement. This includes paying North Lincs Council for grass cutting, litter picking etc.

In recent years the field has suffered from poor drainage and the heavy rains of the last year have been a particular problem for the committee. It may be necessary in the future to raise considerable funds to improve this situation.

Vandalism and graffiti have also become more of a problem recently. The Community Police are working with the association and the police have dealt with the perpetrators of several incidents. It is sad that such a facility should become the target of these mindless acts. If any members of the public have any information, which may help the police, they are urged to phone **0845 6060222**. With police now regularly patrolling in the area there is always a chance that they will be able to respond quickly. Don't get disheartened if you have to queue on the phone, or end up talking to someone in Grimsby who doesn't even know where Haxey is, the system does work - give it a chance.

Haxey Parish Council make a contribution towards the maintenance of the field, for which the association is very grateful, but considerable funds still need to be raised each year.

This year's main event will be the second **Haxey Festival**, following on from last year's hugely successful event. Information and tickets are available at [www.haxeyfestival.co.uk](http://www.haxeyfestival.co.uk) or by telephoning **0800 652 2852**. This year tickets are expected to sell out fast, so don't leave it too late. This year's date is **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June**.

On **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July** the **Family Field Day** will be held. The committee are looking to change the format for this day. Look out for more details.

The public are urged to support these events to help with the continuing success of Haxey Playing Field.