**ANNUAL GROUND REPORT 2019**

**The Team**: Dave Gadsden, Jamie O’Sullivan, Ray Watkins.

**The Committee**: Dave Gadsden, Jamie O’Sullivan, Ray Watkins, Gemma Robson, Richard Grove, Ian Bailey.

**Tasks completed this year:**

1. Continued maintenance of the Assets ensuring external playing surfaces remain at an extremely high level. The benefits of the heavy roller are now being experienced on the green playing surfaces.
2. A new tree and bench have been donated by their family in remembrance of Ken and Maggie Hayward.
3. Continuous repairs to the car park.
4. High quality cricket is now being played at the club with Essex Cricket Club bringing in representative cricket.
5. Large diseased willow tree removed.
6. All autumn work to the cricket square and tennis courts now complete.
7. New cricket scorebox facia, donated by the cricket members, is now complete and has been a great addition to the Club throughout the summer.
8. Meeting with Highways to discuss remodelled access barrier control.
9. Increased use of the ground by alternative sports.

**Tasks going forward:**

1. Development of the Padel Tennis experience.
2. Replacement of 2 no. trees in remembrance of past players.
3. Introduction of barrier control to the Cub.
4. Improved spectator viewing experience for the Astro (new access and seating arrangements).
5. New electrical supply to the 3rd team hut.
6. Increased use of the ground for high level of representative sport in Hockey and Cricket.

Again, another successful year with thanks for the support of the Sports Club Committee in ensuring the funds are available to maintain all the Ground Assets.

Extensive thanks to our Ground Staff and the Committee.

**Ian Bailey**

**Ground Chairman**