**ANNUAL GROUND REPORT 2019-20**

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

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

**Tasks completed this Year.**

* There were no major projects this year.
* Continued maintenance of the Assets ensuring external playing surfaces remain at an extremely high level.
* A tree donated and planted together with a bench in memory of Ken and Maggie Hayward. Great Stalwarts of the Club.
* Representative cricket (Essex 2’s) provided us with great kudos and many compliments about the Club.
* Grant received from the ECB for new ground cover sheets for the third team pitch. Thanks to Richard Grove’s efforts
* Numerous fund-raising events held on the ground for the benefit of the Club and charities.
* The heavy roller purchased last year has been an immense asset to the ground especially the quality of the cricket being played.
* New access gate for the Astro but additional dugouts may be required due the higher standard of hockey being played at the Club.
* Major safety check on the tall floodlight lifting frame.

**Tasks going forward**

* Management of the installation of the Padel court and the improvements to courts 9-10.
* The upgrading of the 3rd team hut including an electrical supply
* Trees to be planted in memory of others including John Archer.
* Increased use of the ground for high level of representative sport in Hockey and Cricket.
* Temporary works to keep courts 10-11 playable prior to the major works.

Again, another successful year, although without major projects. Thanks for the support of the Sports Club Committee in ensuring the funds are available to maintain all the Ground Assets.

**Ian Bailey**

**Ground Chairman**