

Report to Council

Grange Farm Managing Trustees

Councillor Mrs P Smith and Councillor David Johnson, the Council's appointed Custodian Trustees report on the activities of the Trust.

Grange Farm Centre Trust was established by a Charity Commission Scheme in 1984 following the re-distribution of Charitable lands in Chigwell.

On 23 November 2011 the new Grange Farm Centre Pavilion, Interpretation Centre, and Chigwell Meadows was officially opened by HRH The Earl of Wessex. The event marked the culmination of lengthy negotiations, with a number of interested parties for the commissioning of new leisure and recreational community facilities. Previous reports to Council have covered the key events.

The main facilities include; Football Pitches and changing facilities, Community Hall/ Kitchen for hire, restored public open meadowland with made pathways, improved signage and pedestrian access over the M11 motorway footbridge linking with Roding Valley Meadows Nature Reserve.

In addition, an Interpretation Centre for Essex Wildlife Trust (EWT) is incorporated into the new Pavilion. EWT will be expanding their range of Educational activities around West Essex together with an office base for the management of their activities in the District including Roding Valley Meadows Nature Reserve with which the District Council and Grange Farm Trust have management agreements with EWT.

The Football Foundation supported the development of football pitches and changing room, with a large grant to assist with additional community football pitch provision within the District previously identified by the Councils District-wide Pitch Survey.

The Trust continue to award grants to qualifying projects in line with the Trusts' Objects. Annually this amounts to approximately One Hundred and Twenty Thousand Pounds.

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