

## **Chair's Report AGM 2022.**

**Shadwell has a new park!** The work was in July, when within a couple of days all the old equipment was removed, and the new equipment started to arrive, alongside the new fence and large tubes for the drainage. I passed most days to check on progress. Whilst away in August there were complaints about the football pitch, that needed levelling and seeding. The seed was put down but, in the area where the fence was removed it did not grow because the ground was too dry.

The wetland area was disappointing, because the plants were not established and I witnessed young children pulling them out. For the rest of the summer the park was well used, by lots of families not just families from Shadwell, so parking became an issue. One resident on Holywell Lane complained to the Parish Council. There were some suggestions about yellow lines and making the car park bigger, but these would all cost too much. I have seen as many cars on Holywell Lane when the recreation centre is busy, on a Saturday morning.

The Lord Mayor came to open the park in the Autumn. He was very surprised at how much the volunteers had achieved and was so impressed he invited the committee to visit him in the Civic Hall. We attended in December and had a great trip around the Civic Hall learning lots of history about the building and seeing the council's debating chamber.

The Parish Council had a complaint about a dog in the park; this wasn't helped that the council had not taken down the no dogs sign when the works were carried out as requested. The Parish Council were then not happy about dogs using the park, but I explained in a letter to them, that I had shown them the design for the sponsorship board before it was made, that clearly asks for dogs to be kept under control. The board is now in the park at the entrance next to the gate.

The benches arrived on Christmas Eve. The men from the council were very soggy by the time they got to the pub because it was a wet morning. Unfortunately 5 benches out of 6 were badly scratched when they arrived. I took photos and sent

them to Kompan asking for a discount. Next thing I knew was Sid the Snake had been removed to go for repair. Leo thought he'd been stolen, but I explained that thieves would not leave black and yellow tape around the area. Kompan apologised for not informing the committee of their plans to remove Sid. However whilst he is being repaired it has been agreed he returns with the Mason's plaque on it.

The boards have now been erected in the park. They look fantastic. Natalie, Zuhura and myself went to Fastsigns to put the animals on the boards. We are extremely pleased with them - they were certainly worth the wait.

I have just finished the final form for Veolia. Hopefully they will pay the £37.500 into our account and then we will pay the council. We need the council to spend some more time on the wetland area, making it look more like the photos we were given at the start. I have a rockery that I will donate to the park if they come and remove it and add it to the wetland area. I also have a small fir tree they can have to close the gap between the fence and the car park, because a lady in the park told me recently that her child had gone through the gap. We also need to arrange volunteers to build bird boxes, ask residents if they have any plants that we can use in the wetland area, and make a large bug hut. The squirrel still needs painting and it would be good if the green benches could be painted black to match the new benches. We need grass under the benches and we are still waiting for a quote from Kompan for a new gate onto Holywell Lane.

I am prepared to not pay the council the full invoice until it's all completed. This includes the items mentioned above and the rising of the path in the bottom corner where it holds the rain water. When we know what funds we have left, we can buy a tractor and maybe some other equipment, trim trail, climbing spider?

On the 5<sup>th</sup> June, to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we are hoping Shadwell in Bloom will plant a new tree in the park. The committee, alongside the council, will decide the best place for the new tree. Henry Greathead (Trustee) who lives opposite the park has agreed to water the tree.

Overall, I feel we have had a very eventful year, and there is so much to be proud of, the committee has worked really hard to get everything in place within a year, even if some jobs took longer than expected. None of this would have happened without Veolia and their massive grant, the Ward councillors and the Parish Council, Shadwell in Bloom, The Masons, and Wades Charity, alongside all the local residents who contributed.

Alison Ford.

Chair of Shadwell Playground Campaign.

**Shadwell Playground Campaign**  
**Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2021**  
**Registered Charity No. 1042605**

**Income and Expenditure**

	Income	Expenditure
Balance from Dec 2020	£1665.14	
Bank interest	£1.84	
Grants and Donations	£61,321.98	
Expenses		£77.49
Total	£62,988.96	£77.49
Total income minus expenditure	£62,911.47	

**Grants and Donations**

Veolia. see Note 3.	£37,500.00	
Wade's Charity	£5,000.00	
West Riding Masonic Charities Ltd	£5,000.00	
Shadwell Post Office via Charities Trust	£399.20	
Shadwell Parish Council	£340.69	
Shadwell Primary School	£250.00	
Shadwell Village Fish Shop	£250.00	
Shadwell Horticultural Society	£250.00	
Sam Watterson	£500.00	
Donations, general, incl £25 Gift Aid so far.	£2170.50	
Donations via Go Fund Me, see Note 4.	£9,649.01	
Donation via Amazon	£12.58	
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**Expenses**

23/02/2021 expenses from donation letters		£55.84
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**Balance carried forward**

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**Funds held at 31/12/2021**

Santander Deposit Account 160349419	£62,428.42
Santander Current Account 160349400	£478.35
Petty Cash	£4.70
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**Notes.**

1. Financial commitments made but which have not yet been paid

Family Plaques	£2,500
Benches	£5,004
Refurbishment of the playground in July 2021	£85,000
Total	£92,504

2. Further grants were promised but have not been processed through the Shadwell Playground Campaign bank account.

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Emmerdale	£22,199.94
Total	£59,699.94

### 3. The Veolia grant

08/04/2021	Received 50% of total grant from Veolia	£37,500
	Veolia Processing fee	(£7,500)
	Shadwell Parish Council Paid direct to Veolia to cover Veolia fee	£7,500
	Remaining 50% of total grant from Veolia	£37,500
	Total Veolia grant	£75,000

### 4. The Go Fund Me summary

Go Fund Me donations	£8,515.00	
Go Fund Me fees	-£187.25	
GFM Gift Aid received	£1,321.25	
GFM test Paypal	£0.01	
Receipt 10/03/2021		£0.01
Receipt 31/03/2021		£7076.08
Receipt 30/06/2021		£2572.92
	£ 9,649.01	£ 9,649.01

5. We have applied to HMRC for Gift Aid from general donations. So far, £25 has been received, on 02/09/2021. We have not yet heard from our application of 17/10/2021, for donations which total £1095, from which we expect to receive £273.75.

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