



Chairman's Monthly Newsletter – July 2022

Sussex Day 2022 saw our beautiful village pond, so lovingly restored this year, as the backdrop for a performance by the 'Duck Pond Singers', a folk group led by local historian Chris Hare. Funds were raised for Olly's Future, a charity in memory of Chris's son Olly, which delivers suicide prevention initiatives including free training and the Parish Council has made a small donation to further this invaluable work. A resident has also found a CD of photos from Sussex Day 2007 and we look forward to seeing these!

The old stone has now been removed from the pond path, replaced with Fittleworth stone and, although there is still more work required to achieve the desired finish, it is so much better than before. We are fortunate that the South Downs National Park Authority will be meeting half of the cost and we are grateful to Simon, the parish Ranger - some of you will have met him at the Annual Meeting of the Parish - who continues to take such a keen interest in the pond.

The National Lottery Award that the Parish Council received has now funded two new seats, three new noticeboards, improved lighting for the Coronation Hall and a picnic table for the Top Field. There is even some left over towards the purchase of a seat for the Recreation Ground, funded jointly with a generous donation from the boys of the football team. It will commemorate the life of a grandad who so loved to watch the team play each week and who will be so missed by everyone. We have yet to hear the outcome of our application to fund the new playground equipment for the Top Field, although hopefully no news is good news and we gave it our best shot, receiving the support of local MP Andrew Griffith.

A slightly shorter report this month and we hope that as the temperatures soar - whilst of course hastening the drying of the pond silt - that everyone follows the all-important government guidance, staying safe and well.

Jan Rees, Chairman, on behalf of Slindon Parish Council