# Manor Fields Association Newsletter May 2016

## **Charity Number 1117009**

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#### Charitable Status / AGM

At a Special Members' Meeting on 19 November 2015 it was unanimously agreed to change the status of the Manor Fields Association to a Charitable Incorporated Institution. The committee is working hard to make this happen, but it will still take some time to achieve. We therefore need to hold an **AGM of the existing organisation** and this will be on Thursday 7 July at Please make every effort to attend.

## 2016 Appeal

Thank you to everyone who gave to the appeal last year. We raised over £1300, plus gift aid, covering our annual running costs for grass-cutting and insurances. We need to have a further appeal this year as these costs are annual, and do not include extras such as tree work. Manor Fields is a community resource, enjoyed by many people on a daily basis. Any amount you can give to the appeal will be very gratefully received, and allow us to continue to keep the fields as a public amenity. When giving

 If you are a taxpayer, and giving for the first time, please fill in the Gift Aid form overleaf as well as the slip at the bottom of this page. If you have given before, there is no need to fill in the declaration again. Please return the slip below with your donation to any committee member – addresses overleaf. All gifts will be acknowledged.

Thank you all for your continued support

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#### Field entrance

The area around the field entrance has now been improved and repaired with plastic meshing over a new sub-surface to give easier winter access to all. A grant of £200 from the Community Assembly was received towards the cost of this work, for which we are very grateful.

#### **Trees**

Jamie Shortland (wildgardens@hotmail.com) has agreed to act as tree consultant for the fields. He recently felled a large poplar close to the entrance which was in a dangerous condition. He has also carried out work to a large London Plane tree, and other work is being considered.

### **Dog Event**

The dog agility event held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October was a great success. About 175 people and 150 dogs attended. The cakes, drinks, and raffle were such an attraction that we were almost unable to keep up with demand. About £300 profit was made for the Association's funds. A similar event is planned for 1<sup>st</sup> October this year, and we would be pleased to hear from anyone who is willing to assist on the day.

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#### **Committee members**

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