

## Sports Field Annual Report

2020 was a very difficult year with grassroots sport badly affected by Covid 19 restrictions.

Football and tennis suspended for part of the year by government decree. As a council we tried to help the sports field users by reducing annual hire fees for South Hanningfield tennis club and match day costs for the football clubs. The pavilion was closed to users during this period and has only partially opened recently.

We have utilised this period by upgrading the electrical wiring throughout the pavilion and modernizing the heating. A repair and painting project has been completed on the dugouts adjacent to pitch one.

The sports field enjoyed two awards from the Essex Playing Fields association, A Gold award for Best Kept Football Pitch, Pitch One and a merit award for Best Kept Playing Field serving a population of 2500 or less.

The football clubs who use the sports field for home matches are Ramsden, Billericay Youth and Haver Town.

I would like to thank all who use the Nursery Playing field for their continued understanding as we gradually move out of the Covid restrictions. I would also like to show my appreciation to my committee and especially to the Parish clerk for their support throughout the year.

Lastly a special mention to Ralph and Mick for their hard work in maintaining the playing fields in excellent condition.