

Report for Claydon Recreation Ground 2025/2026

We have had a minor financial setback when one of the two supporters of the Recreation Ground, Barham PC, withdrew their support after over 40 years without notice or consultation. However, Claydon Parish Council generously increased their portion of the support. While this didn't fully cover the withdrawn amount it was gratefully received and helped with the day to day expenses.

We hosted Samuel's football team for their games and they have put in a lot of effort to uplift the main football pitch. This consisted of clearing stones from a previous delivery of topsoil, spreading a sieved topsoil dressing, followed by seeding, all of which has improved the condition of the pitch.

We have moved away from Vertas to a private grass maintenance company (NSK) and have seen a significant improvement in the condition of the Recreation Ground, something that has also been mentioned by members of the public.

Other improvements have included renewing dilapidated fencing, kindly paid for by Claydon Parish Council who are very keen to support the Recreation ground for the whole community, and planting numerous trees to the perimeter.

An earth cycle/BMX style track has been created and this has been well received and regularly used by local children.

We have also had CCTV installed to increase security of the area.

As always we have suffered some antisocial behaviour although this seems to have reduced since the CCTV was installed. Looking at evidence from doorbell cameras and our own CCTV it would appear that the culprits are not local to Claydon but look to have come from a neighbouring village.

We have several other projects in hand and, after the success of our FunDay in 2024, we have held another FunDay on 4th May 2026.

This was extremely well received with our usual inflatable slide and castle, some children almost becoming a permanent fixture with ages from young teens to toddlers. Both food suppliers of hotdogs and pizza sold out, with the bar and Coffee Station supplying drinks. As well as stalls manned by local organisations and vendors the band kept everyone entertained in the comfort of our new marquee [thank you Claydon Parish Council].