

Report on Grange Farm Centre Trust

1. I am pleased to present a short report on the activities of the Trust over the last year.
2. By way of background the Trust is managed by 9 Trustees 3 nominated by EFDC (Cllrs. Mary Sartin, Rasni Holden and myself) , 2 Nominated by ECC (Robert Church and Marshall Vance)and 4 Co-Opted Trustees led by the Trust Chair Trevor Johnson.
3. There is no doubt that the Trust goes from strength to strength in providing an important social and recreational facility for those who can benefit from the Trust.
4. Some 14 community groups use the community halls and much use is made of the facilities by Voluntary Action Epping Forest who also receive a subsidy from the Trust assisting VAEF in its very varied activities which fall within the Trust's Objects.
5. Part of the Trust purpose is also to assist Colebrook Royals Football Club in the provision of football. The Club now has some 32 teams which includes 2 girls teams, 1 veterans team and an increasing number of under 7 teams.
6. From a recreational aspect the Meadows provides a wonderful area of open space, grass and woodlands, for enjoyment of the public at large and the Pelican Playground a very popular facility particularly for Mums and Tots during Spring – Autumn.
7. Finally the 3 permanent staff ensure that the whole site is maintained to a very high standard. The Trust operates in full accordance with the Charity Commission requirements and the Trustees collectively ensure that high standards of management prevail in all the Trust undertakings.

Cllr. Richard Morgan – Trustee.