

# Stowupland Sport and Social Club

## Vice Chairman's report 2021/22

Over the last year we have seen many changes regarding social club committee members, unfortunately Chairman Andrew Parkin stepped away due to illness in February 2021, initially for three months but became permanent soon after. Most recently Ruth Hill (secretary) and Sue Scrivener (treasurer) have also departed. These positions have now been filled and the committee looks to be strong going forward.

Coming out of the pandemic was slow to begin with, not only financially but on the playing front with our football and cricket teams which over the previous seasons had virtually stopped, but I am delighted to say they have come back stronger. Government grants have also helped when revenue from the bar had ceased to make any money.

During the quiet times over the past 18 months the clubhouse and changing rooms have been decorated, new changing room doors fitted, and a new cellar cooling system installed. Sum-up machines purchased for card payments which has been a revelation and boosted sales. With the new development of the village hall and clubhouse new purchases and decoration may take a back seat depending on timescales.

On the playing front our football and cricket teams seem to be back in the swing of things.

Many youth sides and Stowupland first team have won trophies, the latter have just missed out on promotion but will enjoy another final on 7<sup>th</sup> May at Colchester Utd football stadium. The annual 5 aside competition will take place in the second weekend in June after stopping for two years because of the pandemic.

Stowupland Cricket club are going from strength to strength having two Saturday sides competing in the two counties league plus a thriving youth section who enjoy playing games during the weekday evenings.

With the ongoing development of the village hopefully it will make our position a lot stronger and more people will use our great facilities whether they are interested in sport or not.

Mark Dye

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