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## **2021 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING RECREATION & ENVIRONMENT REPORT**

Sport in Sonning has understandably been badly hit during 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic restrictions. The 2020 cricket season saw very few games but, hopefully, 2021 will see a big improvement. Football returned to King George V field in the 2020/21 season. AFC Reading were permitted to mark out a pitch and install goalposts. Only very few games ended up actually being played though due to a further lockdown.

Sonning Parish Council continues to investigate the possible replacement of the old pavilion with a more modern, efficient building. Plans have been drawn up but discussions have been put on hold until face to face meetings can be arranged once more.

The playground close to the school has been closed on numerous occasions due to Government Covid regulations. The SPC has also been keen to support the Sonning Primary school Covid bubbles and has been keeping the playground locked during school arrival and departure times. A recent RoSPA safety check has outlined a few issues which will have to be addressed in the very near future.

The Pound, the area of woodland between the King George V car park and Pound Lane, has been tidied up by Friends of Ali's Pond volunteers. The many wild flower species planted have created a dazzling display this Spring. The SPC has also recently commissioned a survey of all of the trees on King George V field. The result has been that some significant work to the trees will have to take place in the next three years or so.

King George V field remains well used as an area of recreation for all ages. In addition to cricket and football, the tennis courts are well used throughout the year. This large green space attracts walkers, with or without dogs, runners and skatepark users as well as those just wishing to sit and relax.