

Earby Recreation Ground (Hill Top), Earby

In terms of grounds maintenance, it costs us **£2,588.71** to maintain the playing field on an annual basis.

Please note - the work schedule is fairly old and as such may not be wholly representative of the maintenance that goes on at the Playing Field at present.

In addition, we have the following R&M revenue budgets for Earby Recreation Ground (these are the base budgets for 2015/16):

Playing Fields - **£6,450** (includes Grounds and Buildings R&M/Vandalism, Water/Sewerage & Electricity)

Total cost (Grounds Maintenance + Revenue budgets) = **£9,038.71**

There are other implications/issues that Earby Town Council will need to be aware of in terms of managing/maintaining the site if the land is transferred in to their ownership. These are:

- Septic Tank – this is emptied 2-3 times a year and costs approximately £150 per occasion.
- Right of access for cars from main entrance off Skipton Road to private homes either side of recreation ground (Bailey Banks Farm & Dog Boarding Kennels).
- Organisation of Sports pitches for weekly Football fixtures – marking, grass cutting, liaising with teams, invoicing, etc.
- Pitch allocations prior to the start of a new season – again liaising with clubs/leagues to see what pitches they want for the forthcoming season, e.g. for the 2015/16 season we have had 9-a-side and 11-a-side pitches/matches at Hill Top.
- Organisation of Attendants to cover organised Football games including key distribution.
- Dealing with general issues and complaints relating to the Recreation Ground, e.g. vandalism, organising contractors to do work, etc.
- Public Space Protection Order's (PSPO's) to uphold – ensuring the Recreation Ground is used appropriately and in line with the PSPO (which is scheduled to come in to operation by the end of March 2017 and will include most things previously in the Bye-Laws plus dog control, fouling, etc.)
- Utility issues such as meter readings, legionella checks and general health & safety checks of the building. This is done through a combination of Neighbourhood Services staff and Property Services.