

**Short statement to Town Council on the Park.**

Council Meeting - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017

When the park was left to the council by Lucy Kempson in 1946 it established a trust for the council to keep this space for "Recreation, sport and for use as a public park".

In 1973 the Council allowed this charity to be established, and with the council as a permanent trustee of the charity they continued that commitment.

The trustees of Bromyard Recreation Ground charity are keen to move forward and improve our park.

We have engaged in some good internal housekeeping to get the charity back on track. The details of which have likely been reported back to you by Suzette Brunson – Council Representative.

The overdue financial return to the Charity Commission is now completed and acknowledged by them.

We have begun to establish a website and social media presence to further engage with the local community. We will make meeting agendas and minutes public via these methods.

We are planning a clean-up day on Sunday 9th April, and have plans to apply for grants for capital improvements.

I appreciate the ongoing commitment from the town council who have historically funded the day to day running and upkeep of the park.

There are a number of people with concerns that the town council is trying to distance itself from its historical responsibilities.

Kempson players is the only public park in Bromyard, and I believe that the electorate would expect the council to continue to provide funds for the day to day running and maintenance of the park.

The Town needs the Park; and the Park need the Town Council.