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News from The Green

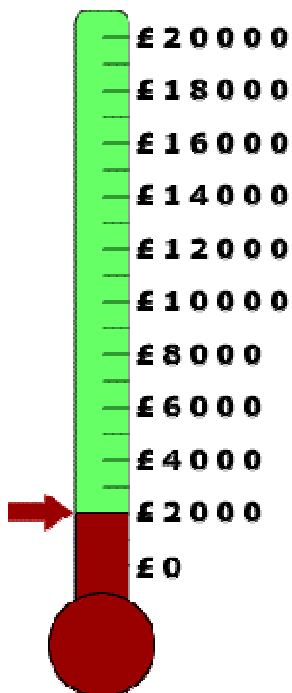
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*Aerial View
of Kelsall Green*

BREAKING NEWS:
Tarporley Roundtable has awarded us £2,200 for toddler swings! Details to come in next issue

Community Fundraising



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Kelsall Green it is!

If you're reading this newsletter, you've completed the "Land Behind the Morris Dancer" Survey, picked up a copy in the village or downloaded it from www.kelsall.org.uk. Either way, thanks for taking the time to learn more about YOUR new recreation area.

Thank you to those who completed our survey. Based on your input, the land has been renamed **Kelsall Green**.

The Green is looking much greener these days after a several land-clearing days that saw volunteers of all ages braving the elements to cut back overgrowth and reclaim at least a half an acre of useable land.

Even now, most days will find dedicated

volunteers putting up fencing and maintaining the land.

Since we've started cutting the lawn on a regular basis, you may have noticed lots more people spending time on Kelsall Green. One sunny afternoon last week it was amazing to walk through Kelsall Green and see children swinging and flying kites, dads playing cricket, & a group of teenagers playing football.

This is now YOUR recreation area, get out there and enjoy it!

Read on to learn more about what's happening on The Green and how you can help make the community's vision for Kelsall Green a reality!

We need your help

We expect Phase 1 to cost as much as £200,000. We hope to fund much of this amount with grants. However, those must be accompanied by a contribution from the community.

We have set a **Community Phase 1 Fundraising Goal of at least £20,000**. We believe this is entirely achievable. In fact, if each household donates just £20, we'll exceed our goal!

Based on funds raised in the community to date, we've achieved 10% of our goal. This is a great accomplishment, as our fundraising effort only recently kicked off in earnest with Bunbury Theatre Group's performance of "The Importance of Being Earnest" at the Community Centre. The event generated more than £900 for Kelsall Green.

"Thanks!" to Sarah & Richard Hill, who organized the evening, Bunbury Theatre Group, all the people who helped prepare the community centre and those who helped or attended on the night.

"Thanks!" are also due to:

- **The Brownies**, our first fundraisers, for holding a cake sale that raised £138.

- Families who attended a Coffee Morning during the Easter Holiday that generated £50.

- **The Farmers Arms Carollers** who contributed £54.

- **Kelsall Community Primary School PTA** for £500 from the Christmas Ball.

- **There's Only One Edible Turnip** who gave £50 in Quiz Night winnings.

- **Mum's Night Out** attendees who donated £30 left in the drinks kitty from two nights at The Morris Dancer.

- **The Farmers Arms, The Boot Inn, the Oak, The Morris Dancer, Labella's, The Co-op, Wally Dutton Butchers and Rose Farm Shop** who have all agreed to have fundraising tins on their counters - and all of you who have tossed your change & more into these tins.

- Several individuals who have sent in generous donations.

See page 2 for upcoming fundraising events and other ways you can help.

Kelsall Green Mission Statement

Our mission is to create a true village centre & community gathering place that:

*Is **accessible & welcoming** to people of all ages, interests & abilities.*

*Provides opportunities for people from across the **community** to interact & enjoy the space together.*

*Encourages the pursuit of a variety of **play, health and fitness-related activities**, as well as **relaxation**;*

*Is in keeping with the **rural** landscape.*

*Has a positive impact on the visual, **communal and natural** environment.*

Join the Team!

We'd love to have more people to help with implementation & fundraising.

To join the Recreation Committee, contact kpcianl@aol.com or come to one of our steering committee meetings which are typically at the Community Centre at 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday of every month. **May's meeting will be held on Tuesday the 7th at a venue TBD.**

Donate Now

We're already 10% toward achieving our fundraising goal. If you'd like to donate, please write a cheque to Kelsall Parish Council & send it to Kelsall Parish Council Recreation Committee, 8 The Wynd, Kelsall, Cheshire, CW6 0PX.

To talk about planning a fundraising event or sponsoring a bench or piece of play equipment, contact tarakelsallfundraising@gmail.com

Receive this by email:
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Phase 1 design unveiled with play area, MUGA and more

You spoke; we listened. Almost 400 surveys were completed and the results were decisive. Results showed strong support for a play area for toddlers and young children, facilities for teens and a pleasant and relaxing green space with benches for all – but especially seniors.

Based on those results, we have defined a Phase 1 development project that will include a toddler and young children's play area, multi-use games area, zipwire, wildlife gardens, tree planting, seating and security.

The Design Committee, working closely with a landscape architect from Chester City Council, has come up with a vision for the land that will be recommended to the Parish Council next month. Soon, you'll be able to find copies of the plan posted around the village and on www.Kelsall.org.uk.

Come see the plans & preferred play equipment at a Family Coffee Morning on Wednesday the 28th of May, 10-11:30 a.m. at the Community Centre. A donation of £2/adult will be requested.

Kelsall School Fair declared Village Fair

Kelsall Community Primary School's PTA has this year declared the School Fair the Village Fair. The event will be held from 11a.m. - 1 p.m. on Saturday the 7th of June at the school. The theme will be Olympic Sports and Healthy Living.

If you or your organization would be interested in hosting a demonstration or stall on the day, please email tarakelsallfundraising@gmail.com.

Proceeds of the fair will be split between the PTA and Kelsall Green.

Prepare your green fingers, Kelsall students

Kelsall Community Primary School Students prepare your Green Fingers! We've just been notified that we received a grant for £150 toward a programme whereby you will design and plant a wildlife garden around the toddlers and juniors play area, including trees, wildflowers & shrubs.

The Grant was awarded by the Cheshire Year of Gardens Scheme. Look for updates on this scheme in future issues.

Multi-use Games Area already on its way

Last year a group of youths in the village applied for and won grants to fund a basketball court for Kelsall Green.

With those funds, we have already been able to put in an order for a Multi-use games area (MUGA) which will provide a space to play basketball and football, as well as hone your cricket batting skills. Start practicing your jump shot, as you can expect the MUGA to appear on Kelsall Green in the next few months.

Mark your Calendar

One of the benefits of the fundraising effort is the plethora of events taking place on our doorsteps. Even in the days near the publication of this newsletter several events are being held which will make a contribution to The Green: a Captain Tortue Coffee Morning, a Cabaret Night at Kelsall Social Club and a raffle at the Maytime Music event at the Community Centre. Next Month's issue will include an update on the results of those events. In the meantime, set aside some time to attend these events:

16th May - Teddy Bears Picnic at 12:30 p.m. on Kelsall Green

17th May - Kelsall Art Exhibition from Noon-6 p.m. at the Community Centre

28th May - Family Coffee Morning from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the Community Centre

7th June - Kelsall Summer Fair from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Kelsall Primary School

Complete event details and Kelsall Green updates can be found at www.kelsall.org.uk