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Stanley Field - the crucial next stages

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Arecognised way of achieving this aim is through Fields in Trust (FIT). Other sports and recreational grounds have followed this route, becoming known officially as Queen Elizabeth 2 fields.

FIT guarantees the continual use of an area as a public playing field, recreation ground and/or indoor leisure facilities, according to circumstances. A QE2 field cannot be sold in the future without the consent of FIT, who would require a similar contract with the potential buyer, or provision of a site equal to or larger in size and in the same area. FIT can also advise on the management and running of the property.

At the time of writing, Roger Chapman was expecting a visit from the FIT area manager to look at the field. He told us: "One reason for involving Fields in Trust is that they are likely to have greater longevity than Sport EF. This will be one of the questions discussed with FIT when we meet and how best to secure local involvement in ensuring Stanley Road is secured for future community use."

He and the Academy were also examining other legal ways to secure a deed of dedication.

Funding

The London Marathon Trust, who were backing Sport EF's original bid for the field, often work in conjunction with FIT. The Marathon Trust will put up funds, but only if there is a legally binding agreement for continual community use. Some other organisations may also fund on a similar basis.

Design and use of the site

Designing the site, which will include several pitches and indoor sports facilities, is the responsibility of the Government-run Educational Funding Agency, following Sport EF and Academy wishes. This process is in its early stages.

Obviously there will need to be supervision of the site out

of school hours. At the time of our interview, it had not been decided whether it would be the Academy, Sport EF (through funding), or an agency. Other schools, including Compton in Summers Lane, already share sports facilities with the public.

The extent of community use is still being agreed. Roger told us: "The aim is to maximise community use of the sports facilities in a way that is compatible with school use.

"There will be local consultation. As a former Kitchener Road resident, I realise the importance of this, and am already visiting New Ash Close. Sport EF, with the Archer Academy, are working out the details of how best to engage local people. This is likely to involve door-to-door canvassing, meetings and exhibitions amongst other things."

We hoped to meet with the Academy team to find out more about their wishes and plans for school and sports facilities on Stanley Field, but through unforeseen circumstances this was not possible before we went to press. We hope to bring you those details in a future issue.

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Thank you from *The Archer* editorial team.



Riot of fun for Red Nose Day The staff of Sainsbury's Muswell Hill spared no efforts in raising money for Red Nose

The staff of Sainsbury's Muswell Hill spared no efforts in raising money for Red Nose Day. On Sunday 10 March, they held a sponsored walk in Highgate Woods and raised £545. Then the following week there was a madcap array of in-store events including a Taste and Donate session, a book sale, a cake sale, and some bucket collections, all leading to a final fundraising sum of more than £10,000. Spokesman Catherine Ling said Sainsbury's wanted to thank customers for their unfailing generosity.

Graham is one of the ultra runners

The sport of ultra-long distance running has seen a rapid rise in popularity in recent years with more and more people choosing to sacrifice their evenings and weekends to train for and take part in what has traditionally been seen as the preserve of elite athletes and the somewhat eccentric.

Graham Shircore, of Elmshurst Crescent, is one of those runners wanting to test the limits of what they are capable of, both physically and mentally. Less than a year after his first marathon, this March he ran in the Thames Path 100, a non-stop, 100-mile run from London to Oxford.

The challenge was also an opportunity to raise money for a small London-based charity called Lumos. This provided a very necessary motivation boost during his training sessions which included eight-hour runs through London, marathons on consecutive days and hill training in Scotland on New Year's Day.

His wife Sophie works at the charity, which primarily helps disadvantaged children living in Eastern Europe. All sponsorship Graham raises is going towards the treatment of a medical condition. The treatment costs just £200 but will save the life of each child who gets it. In most countries it is state funded; where it is not, Lumos are also trying to get this changed.

You can read more about the charity, the challenge, and how Graham got on at his sponsorship page:

http://uk.virginmoneygiving. com/grahamshircore



Training through the snow: Long distance runner Graham Shircore.

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