## Elford Boys Report for Annual Parish Assembly

Elford Boys have competed in the Tamworth Junior League this season fielding 6 teams. On the pitch we have had a successful season with two of our teams reaching cup finals played this coming weekend. Off the pitch we have been working with Staffordshire Football Association and have benefited from a pitch grant over the last 12 months, which will continue for the next two seasons, where we have funds to invest in aeration and root growth to improve the playing surface. During winter months, we typically lose a 4-6 weekends, as the field gets too wet, so by improving drainage and developing stronger grass roots the theory is that we have fewer cancelled games, and cosmetically also looks improved.

We are further hoping to confirm over the next few weeks that our application for funding from the FA will be confirmed which will help the Sportsfield buy a new Tractor, Roller Mower and aeration equipment, around £30,000 of equipment in total. This is been funded through the CIL money and additional contributions by the Football and Cricket clubs, which have then been matched 3:1 by the Football Association. Hopefully giving both clubs the necessary equipment to continue to maintain a great village sports venue.