

Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2013

Trustees: Mr. N. Poulton Mr. D. Stock
Mr. I. Knight Mr. J. Meischke

The charity was formed on 7th August 1997 to promote sport, sporting activities and recreational facilities within the village of Watton-at-Stone and the surrounding villages, and to provide an information centre within the village for local residents to use at no cost. The objects were altered by a Deed and are now as follows, namely that the "Trustees shall hold the trust fund and its income upon trust to apply them for the following objects in Watton-at-Stone. To provide or assist in the provision of recreational and sporting facilities for the benefit of the public in the village and surrounding area with the object of improving the conditions of life of those persons."

During the financial year the trustees met four times and reported the details of their meetings to the full Parish Council.

A full safety check has been undertaken on all electrical, gas and fire appliances.

Further work has been carried out on the inside and outside of the Community Hall.

This work involved:

- Isolation valves fitted to all the toilets
- Outside Gents toilet decommissioned and turned into a store room (The outside Ladies toilet has become a unisex facility)
- Decoration of the kitchen
- Decoration to part of the exterior
- Installation of smart electric meter
- Fitting of new security keys to both external doors to the Community Hall
- Brick wall repaired after damage and a new safety barrier installed
- Lighting column installed between the sportsfield and car park
- Playground sign installed

An inspection was carried out by the Play Inspection Company Limited on all the play equipment on the sportsfield and minor repairs have been carried out following this inspection. These include the servicing of the see-saw, replacing missing bolt covers and repairing the safety surface under the multi-play and slide.

Sewage leaking from a drain in the sportsfield required repair work to be carried out on a broken drain in the roadway, this was not our responsibility.

DP Electric Ltd carried out an electrical periodic inspection, portable appliance testing and emergency light inspection in the Community Hall.

The Trustees were successful in their insurance claim for water damage caused when the boiler pipes froze during the cold spell in February last year, causing damage to a thermostat and to the gas fired water heater.

Following the Arboricultural survey and report carried out on the English Oak tree situated on the right hand side of the MPPA on the sportsfield, the tree was crowned and had cobra bracing installed to support the limbs.

It is with great sadness that we report Nigel Poulton has been unable to continue as a trustee due to ill health, the remaining trustees have proposed that, with the Parish Councils approval, Iain Harris be appointed as a trustee.

Report by: John Meischke