

Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2009

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.

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 and a safety inspection has been undertaken on the Play Area.

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

This work involved:

- installing new external fire doors from the Pavilion to the Sports Field
- internal decorations in the Pavilion
- replacement of three high-level (vandalised) windows
- replacement of numerous broken roof tiles and gutter clearance
- repairs to the high-level window closure mechanism in the Sports Hall
- installation of new acoustic panels in the Sports Hall (using grant money from the Parish Council and East Herts District Council)
- repairs to and replacement of blinds in the Pavilion
- new hygienic soap-dispensers have been installed in all the toilets
- purchase of a new hot water urn and First Aid box
- repairs to air vents
- two fire-extinguishers that were removed and discharged have been replaced.

A schedule for the increased cleaning of the Community Hall has been agreed and this work is now being carried out by Rosemary Brown and Brian Thompson.

A grant of £5000 has been gratefully received from Grassroots for the replacement of the flood lighting system on the Multi-Purpose Play Area and the purchase of three new notice boards for the Community Hall

The Trustees have supported the Out2Play summer play scheme on the Multi-Purpose Play Area during the summer months.

A new gas contract for the Community Hall has been agreed (now with NPower for a two year period).

A pressure wash and moss kill has been carried out on the Multi-Purpose Play Area.

A letter has been received from the Diocesan Board stating that our request to lease additional land for sporting facilities has been unsuccessful.

Again my thanks to Mr. John Meischke who has been on hand to rectify the problems that have arisen in the last year and to deal with the contractors.