

Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2008

Trustees: Mr. N. Poulton Mr. D. Stock
Mr. I. C. 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 The Play Inspection Company carried out the annual inspection on the Play Area.

Circle Anglia Housing Association has very kindly replaced, free of charge, the plastic rain water guttering with cast iron around the Community Hall.

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

- This work consisted of repairing and realigning the three external doors.
- Internal decorations in the pavilion.
- Four vandalised windows were replaced.
- Repairs carried-out to the boiler.
- The line-marking in the Main Sports Hall has been renewed.
- Repaired a section of the boundary wall that had been knocked over by a vehicle.
- Replaced numerous broken roof tiles and cleaned out the guttering.
- External painting of the woodwork on the Sports Field side of the Community Hall.
- Repaired the metal gate which allows access onto the Sports Field.
- The floors in the Community Hall have been professionally cleaned by Care Group.
- New verge covers have been installed on all four sides of the roof.
- No smoking and evacuation signs have been put up in the Community Hall.

An insurance valuation of the building has been undertaken and the Trustees have changed insurer from AON Limited to Zurich Village Hall Plus Group and updated the cover.

A bench seat on the sports field has been installed and paid for by Mr. and Mrs. Milman in memory of their son.

The bench which was removed from the top of Hockerill slope has been installed by the multi-play equipment.

Two Councillors have met with St Albans Diocesan Board to see, if they as landowners, can assist in leasing more land for recreational use for the village.

Repairs have been undertaken to the safety surface around the multi-play equipment, thanks to a grant from East Herts District Council.

Moss-kill and a pressure-wash has been undertaken on the MPPA.

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.