

**Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007**

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

The charity was formed on 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

A new seesaw has been purchased to replace the old one which had come away from its bearings. Thanks to The Local Network Fund for Children and Young People who provided a grant for this equipment

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

- This work consisted of a replacement crash bar on one of the doors and realigning the other external doors.
- A new store cupboard has been installed for the use of one of our hirers.
- Repairs carried out to the boiler
- Repaired various windows which had been vandalised.
- Repaired large section of the boundary wall that had been knocked over by a vehicle
- Replaced numerous broken roof tiles and cleaned out the guttering.

The Sports and Social Club had a very successful Fun Day on the 16<sup>th</sup> July 2006.

The Summer Play Scheme, organised by East Herts Council, was again well supported and a great success.

The Trustees have entered into a three year contract with British Gas to supply gas to the Community Hall.

Carried-out a marketing exercise to increase the usage of the facilities, this included posters being displayed in the surrounding villages and an information leaflet sent to all residents.

Carried out a Risk Assessment on the building following the new fire regulations. All hirers are now given a copy of the evacuation procedure for the premises.

A Child Protection Policy and Safe Guarding Children “Good Practices Guidelines” were drawn up and approved by the Trustees.

The Chairman attended a Child Protection Seminar run by Hertfordshire County Council.

Problems with the leaking sewer in the Sports field have been resolved.

New hire agreement drawn up and approved for the hire of the facilities.

Reviewed and up dated the insurance and asset register

The Trustees became members of the East Herts Voluntary Sector Forum.

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.

<b>Watton-at-Stone Community Hall</b>	
<b>Summary statement of expenditure and income for the year 2006/07</b>	
<b>Expenditure</b>	
General	<u>£15185.05</u>
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<b>Income</b>	
Hire of sports facilities	£6407.09
Floodlighting	£1348.00
Grant from Parish Council	£4500.00
Bank interest	£152.57
VAT	£893.24
	<u>£13300.90</u>
<b>Reconciliation</b>	
Total Income	<u>£13300.90</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>-£15185.05</u>
Income minus Expenditure (change in reserves)	<u>(£1884.15)</u>