

Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2012

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.

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

This work involved:

- internal corridor has been decorated by volunteers from Glaxo Smith Kline
- replacement of window and roof vents
- new blinds installed in the Pavilion and meeting room areas
- new barrier installed by the footpath leading from the sportsfield to School Lane
- new door closure fitted to the kitchen door
- painting of the play equipment, seats and gate by volunteers from Glaxo Smith Kline
- glass panels in main door replaced with hardwood panels
- rotten beam on spring see-saw replaced with a new beam

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.

Sewage leaking from a blocked drain in the sportsfield cleared and repair work carried out on the broken drain

Following a petition from Glebe Court residents to Hertfordshire Highways a "Slow" sign has been painted on the road adjacent to 1 School Lane

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

The cistern seized in the internal ladies toilet by the changing rooms and water overflowed into the adjacent room causing damage to some of the equipment stored there by Beane Valley Childrens Centre, the situation has been rectified.

During the cold spell in February, a water leak from the boiler caused damage to a thermostat and to the gas fired water heater. A claim for the cost of the damage has been submitted to our insurers.

Hannah Brownlow is to form a fund raising committee to raise money towards new play equipment on the sportsfield.

The outside gent's toilet has been closed and the ladies toilet has been made into a unisex toilet, consideration will now be given into turning the outside gent's toilet into a much needed storage cupboard.

Arboricultural survey and report carried out on the English Oak tree situated on the right hand side of the MPPA on the sportsfield following the finding of a decay fungi called Ganoderma Adspersum.

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

Report by: Nigel Poulton