

Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2015

Trustees: Mr. J. Meischke Mr. I. Knight
Mr. I Harris Chair Mr. D. Stock

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 dated 15 July 2007 and are now as follows, “Trustees shall hold the trust fund and its income upon trust to apply them for the following objectives 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 aim of improving the conditions of life of those persons.”

During the financial year the Trustees met twice, namely on 8th April 2014 and 29th January 2015 and reported upon the key decisions made to the full Parish Council.

In order to meet the charity’s key objectives the Trustees took all steps to ensure the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the charity’s property, the Community Hall.

Following the death of one of the charity’s founding Trustees, Nigel Poulton, to mark his very considerable efforts in enabling the Community Hall to be built the Trustees decided to rename the building as the Nigel Poulton Community Hall. Identifying plaques were created and affixed to the building showing its new name.

Matters dealt with included regular servicing of electrical gas and fire appliances and alterations to the internal and external storage areas to allow more usable room within the main facilities.

The Trustees put in hand arrangements to improve the rear window structure of the Community Hall. Although quotations have been obtained for this work which has been approved in principle by the Parish Council, the work has not as yet been commenced but a start is expected over the next few months.

The charity also took all steps to maintain the items of equipment on the sports field and ensure that necessary repair was carried out so that the equipment could continue to be safely used. The necessary third party safety checks have been undertaken.

The Trustees have continued to spend time considering the requirement for a Child Safeguarding Policy and its work in this direction is continuing. It is anticipated it will be completed in the 2015/2016 year.

Report by: Iain Harris