

Objectives and Activities, Achievements and Performance

Purpose of the charity

- To maintain and develop the Village Green and attached Woods for the benefit of village residents and others in the locality plus visitors to the area.
- To provide an attractive and accessible place for people to take air and exercise on foot, to meet and to pursue informal leisure activities.
- To provide an area suitable for community events and celebrations.
- To provide areas where people can enjoy nature and wildlife.

In support of this purpose

- The Green open area and pathways grass has been cut on a regular basis to keep the Green attractive and to give good access for leisure activities. To this end a ride on mower with mulching deck has been maintained, fuelled and operated by volunteers.
- The large picnic table installed on the Green overlooking the river has been well used.
- The North section of the Green has been allocated as a wild flower bank which is not only attractive but has provided benefit to voles, butterflies and especially bumble bees.
- Bird boxes, Bat boxes and a Tawny Owl nest box have been installed on the Green and in the Woods.
- Organised volunteer days have provided community spirit generated while maintaining the Green and the Woods.
- The Village Summer Fete was again staged on the Green with the funds generated split between the Village Charities (Green/Hall/Church).
- Entertainment and fund raising were achieved through the Trust's organised Tug of War with bar and BBQ.
- The dog poo bag dispenser has been kept stocked to encourage the numerous dog walkers to leave the Green clear for others and for playing children.

Achievements and Failures

- The Millennium Green attracted a lot of visitors throughout the year – children and families playing and picnicking; this included locals and people from outside the village area.
- The Green and the Woods were very popular with dog walkers.
- The dog poo removal situation has on the whole been good, so a huge thank you to responsible dog walkers.
- The open green was also very popular with moles, who seem to be following the tradition of making crop circles but with slightly out of position brown soil heaps.
- A Willow Den was purchase and erected on the edge of the open green. It appears to have rooted well and children have enjoyed playing in it.
- The Trust members provided a Woodland Creatures Faces stall at the Summer Fete and an "Alice in Wonderland" themed treasure hunt around the woods, which were very well received.
- Of the new trees planted on the Green, another alder has died.
- The Himalayan Balsam spread has been bad this year after last year's success with it creeping in from outside the Green area.
- The autumn and spring work parties accomplished a great deal and the Green looked good throughout the flowering season especially the Snowdrops and Bluebells, the colourful shrubs and the willows. The number and variety of wild flowers, which are finding their own way to the Green has been very good.
- The bird nest boxes installed on the Green's bushes and trees achieved a 50% occupancy level with the concrete type boxes being the most successful. Bird numbers around the Green and Woods appear to have increased. River birds also seem to be doing well with a Dipper and Goosanders having been spotted in the area and the Kingfisher is a very regular visitor though often just a flash of colour.
- Sadly there were no reports of "branching" baby Tawny owls in the woods this year.
- There has been some small signs of water vole feeding though the main areas appear to be just down stream.
- A professional tree survey showed no major concerns although some precautionary work was advised for trees near the Huts, Hall and power lines.
- Hedge laying of the shrubs close to the road has been successfully conducted with more planned for this winter.

- A memorial bench was installed in the woods by the river for the late Dave Hooper, “Genteel Knight of Frampton” and past champion of the Woods and Green.
- A laminated noticeboard illustrating the history of the Frampton Millennium Green has been installed near the “Gate” entrance.

Financial Review

The CAF Bank started to charge a monthly banking fee, so the Trust’s account has been transferred to a Barclays Community Account.

The Trust has registered with the fundraising organisation Just Giving so that benefactors can text donations to the trust using their mobiles. The information to do this has been added to the new Green History sign (text “FMGT17 £1” to 70070).

An excellent donation of £1000 was received as a share of the 2017 Village Fete surplus.

A donation from the Frampton Parish Council Waste Paper Fund was received to pay for 83% of the purchased Willow Dome den. Other small donations were received plus a donation of £106 from Simon and Jill Vines as a share of a “rudder” sale; it is planned to request a Gift Aid tax refund on these items.

HMRC agreed that the wayleave income received from SSE is both small and outside of the main activities of the Trust; and would therefore not be taxed.

These receipts together with the Trust’s fund raising from the Tug of War and the 100 Club resulted in the bank account balance rising from £5302 to £6133. There are no other reserves.

The year’s expenses fell by £272 to £1668. The largest expense was the professional tree survey at £500, followed by the insurance bill of £376 and the Green History sign at £122.

A Statement of Financial Activities along with a Cash Flow Sheet has been prepared for the year ended 30th September 2017. There is no published Balance Sheet for the Trust as all the assets are held by its corporate trustee, Frampton Millennium Green Limited.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Trust is an unincorporated organisation governed by a Trust Deed dated 13 November 1997. In November 2011 the trustees were replaced by a corporate trustee with the past trustees becoming its members/directors. This company, Frampton Millennium Green Limited, is a non-profit organisation with no share capital; it is a private company limited by guarantee and it is the sole trustee of Frampton Millennium Green Trust. The liability of the company’s members is limited to £1 each. The directors should not be less than three but there is no maximum number. A person deemed suitable needs to be appointed by the Board and be re-elected every three years. Frampton Parish Council and Frampton Village Hall Committee may also appoint one nominated director each.

Reference and Administration Details

The registered name of the charity is ‘Frampton Millennium Green Trust’ with charity number 1066762.

The principal address for the charitable trust is 5 Rural Lane, Frampton DT2 9NE.

The corporate trustee of the charity is ‘Frampton Millennium Green Limited’, company number 07796775 (England & Wales), registered office 4 Dorchester Road, Frampton DT2 9NB.

The current directors are: A.Adler, P.Champion, J.Davis, P.Emery, D.Forrest (FPC), J.Graham, K.Mullen, A.Warne, C.Whyte (Secr.), B.Wilcox, P.Wren, M.Wright(President), S.Vines (Chairman).

(Please note that at AGM on 23 Oct 2017, John Graham’s resignation was received and Paul Mutti’s appointment as a director was approved)