

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 open green has unfortunately still been very popular with moles.
- The Willow Den on the edge of the open green seems well established and children have enjoyed playing in it.
- The Trust members created a Wild West Treasure Hunt in the woods for the Summer Fete. The hunt entailed adventurous children hunting down an outlaw, who had robbed the local bank and was hiding in the woods, by using the clues and tasks presented.
- Permission was given to the Vicar to hold "Songs of Praise" on the Green.
- Saplings were planted in the green shrubbery section to fill the gaps where the planted trees had failed.
- A Himalayan Balsam removal session was held by volunteers to counter the spread experienced last year.
- The Green was utilised by local weddings, which used the Village Hall for their receptions, with the Green providing good photo shoot scenes.
- Volunteer days were organised to maintain and enhance the Green and the Woods.
- An excellent snowdrop display in both the Green shrubbery section and in the Woods provided a Spring walk of delight enjoyed by many.
- Trees close to the Wood's entrance gate by the Village Hall were professionally felled as advised for safety reasons.
- Chippings were spread on the muddy sections of path within the woods.
- More hedge-laying was completed along the woods boundary with the highway exiting the village.
- Two old, concrete type bat boxes were cleaned up and positioned near one of the wood's paths. A design has been found for two other types of untreated wood bat boxes which will be tried out in the woods and on the green. The number of bats in this vicinity appear to have increased again after a period of decline and it is hoped to encourage the population.

### Financial Review

The Trust's free Barclays Community Account has been running smoothly over the year and has allowed a better overview compared with the old CAF account which had introduced a charge.

The Trust is 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). Unfortunately, no donations were received this year by this route.

An excellent donation of £1000 was received as a share of the 2018 Village Summer Fete surplus.

The Tug of War raised an excellent £624 surplus, while the re-organised 2017/18 Lottery Club (replacing the 100 Club) raised a surplus of £743. The Lottery generated a quarterly top prize of £110, which greatly pleased the winning members.

Other smaller incomes were the SSE wayleave, the HMRC Gift Aid refund on previous donations plus some smaller donations this year.

The larger expenses incurred were £585 for a professional tree surgeon and £384 for insurance. The grass mowing costs reduce slightly from £158 to £144 primarily with the fuel bill being 30% lower due to the hot, dry summer.

As a result of the above efforts the Trust's bank balance increased from £6133 to £7498 during the year. There are no other reserves.

A Statement of Financial Activities along with a Cash Flow Sheet has been prepared for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018. There is no published Balance Sheet for the Trust as all the assets are held by its corporate trustee, Frampton Millennium Green Limited. The land titles are vested with 'the official custodian for charities in respect of charity land'.

### 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), K.Mullen, A.Warne, C.Whyte (Secr.), B.Wilcox, P.Wren, P.Mutti, M.Wright(President), S.Vines (Chairman).

(Please note that at the AGM on 24 Oct 2018, Keith Mullen's resignation was received.)