

## **TRUSTEES REPORT FOR FRAMPTON MILLENNIUM GREEN TRUST - 30 September 2019**

### 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.

The achievements supporting this purpose were outlined in the Chairman's report at the AGM:

"It can safely be said that the objectives of the Trust have been met this year. There have been frequent picnics, family games, a Church service, and many dogs giving their owners an excuse for fresh air and exercise.

Two fund raising events have been held this year on the Green, the village fete and the Millennium Green tug of war.

This year we sadly lost two people, who contributed greatly to the Millennium Green but who died this year; Harry Grenville, who donated Hyde Cliff Plantation to the village in 1997; and Michael Wright, who negotiated the purchase of the Green, raised the necessary funds and set up the Frampton Millennium Green Trust. Harry will be remembered on a picture board to be erected at the entrance to 'Harry's Wood', and the memorial to Michael has yet to be decided.

The Trust has received a very generous donation from Dr Sally Turner, and a bench made by our Paul Mutti, has been installed on the Green in memory of Michael Turner.

An improvement this year has been the planting of a Willow arch over the path from the Green to the village Hall, while the sides of the wigloo on the Green have become more dense.

In addition to the usual mowing, strimming, pruning and tree cutting, maintenance this year has included the painting of the Harry's Wood huts, and the repair and painting of the railings round the Green by the volunteer team. The railings now look very smart.

A number of trees have been identified, including one by the road and one by the track, that may be suffering from ash die-back. A plan is needed to deal with the disease, which will probably affect all our ash trees. On the plus side, it may be an opportunity to plant more hardwoods, such as beech.

The Millennium Green depends entirely on voluntary fund raising and voluntary labour. The Green is looked after so well due to the efforts of this caring volunteer team. However, this team is a shrinking band and there is a need to identify like-minded people and encourage them to join us."

Further comments to be made are:

The Green had been used as a 'back drop' for wedding photos when the reception was being held in the Village Hall.

Replacement saplings were planted adjacent to the river.

Two different designs of wooden bat boxes have been installed on the Green and in the Woods – the number of bats using the wood pathways has increased.

Extra concrete type bird boxes were purchased to supplement the existing bird boxes and these were installed in the Green shrubbery and in the Woods.

A pair of Tawny Owls were seen to be nesting this year in the owl box installed in the Woods.

Two medium sized dips have appeared in the Green area and they will need to be monitored as they could develop into deep sink holes.

### Financial Review

Just Giving have cancelled their text donating system.

The Trust's free Barclays Community Account has been running smoothly over the year.

An excellent donation of £1100 was received as a share of the 2019 Village Summer Fete surplus.

The Tug of War raised a £540 surplus, while the 2018/19 Lottery Club raised a surplus of £856. The Lottery generated a quarterly top prize of £130, which greatly pleased the winning members. Other donations (e.g. from Dr Sally Turner and the Wastepaper Fund) totalled £1108.

Other smaller incomes were the SSE wayleave and the HMRC Gift Aid refund on previous donations.

The larger expenses incurred were £384 for insurance, £350 for Michael Turner's bench and £152 for additional bird boxes. The grass mowing costs increased £144 to £238 with a slightly higher fuel bill and higher mower repairs. Other sundries included more dog poo bags for the Green dispenser, the willow rods for the new archway and a pair of long handled shears.

The year ended with an accounts' surplus of £2321, thus raising the Trust's bank balance to £9819.

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 2019. 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 trustee directors during the year were: A.Adler, P.Champion, J.Davis, P.Emery, D.Forrest (FPC),

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

(Please note that at the AGM on 23 Oct 2019, Derek Forrest resigned and Andrew Thomson joined us as the FPC nominated director.)