

OXENHOPE MILLENNIUM GREEN TRUST

Registered Charity 1076941

Chair's Report to the Annual General Meeting, 2015

This is my first report as Chair of the Trust and I'm pleased to be able to reflect on a largely positive year.

The village fête was held on Saturday 28 June 2014, earlier than usual in light of the Tour de France Grand Départ visiting our part of the world. The weather was kind and the village turned out in good number to enjoy activities on the Green.

I was again very impressed with the organisation behind making the fête happen. Numerous people contribute to the set up and take down and we are kindly supported by others in the community in terms of the loan of equipment. Many thanks indeed to all involved, not least to members of the organising committee and volunteers.

This year Margaret Hindley announced her retirement from the committee and with fellow Trustee's, I would like to thank Margaret for her contribution over the years.

It was great to see some new faces this year, in particular Sue Bromby and Kevin Campbell-Wright and family, who both volunteered to help out at the fête and I note the sale of programmes increased this year as a result. Thanks also to Brian Russell for help during the last working party and for other acts of maintenance. In the interests of future sustainability, it would be good to see others from the village getting involved with the Green and I think we should all give some thought to that.

We also benefitted this year from the use of new PA equipment at the fête, purchased partly from monies kindly provided by district council ward members and a donation in kind. Attracting funding and donation is not easy in the current economic climate and it is important to remember that the Green is maintained entirely from the surplus generated from the fête and related advertising and sponsorship.

We will shortly hear from our Treasurer about the state of accounts and whilst the Trust continues to have a sound reserve, it is also important to note that there is a fine balance between the cost of maintaining the Green and the income generated and received. This year Trustee's and others involved with the Green are asked to give careful consideration to other fund raising opportunities and activities that could be undertaken at the Green, both during the fête and at other times.

I would like to end my report by once again thanking present Trustees, members of the Fête Committee and volunteers, for freely giving their time to ensure that Oxenhope continues to benefit from a village Green.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ken Eastwood". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the name.

Chair, Oxenhope Millennium Green Trust

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