

# **Pensford, Publow and The Stanton Community Trust**

**Registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation (“CIO”) No. 1160279**

## **Chairman’s Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018**

I am pleased to report on our third year since incorporation. We have continued to support some very worthwhile projects and causes, making a real difference to some important local landmarks and vital institutions.

### **Grants**

The total of grants paid in the year of just over £5,000 tells far from the whole story as we have a number of projects where we have committed funds but these have yet to be called down.

Grants actually paid in the year were as follows:

- Acker Bilk memorial bench in Pensford £1200
- Restoration work on the old lock-up in Pensford £528.25
- Stanton Drew Sports Field for new ‘El Torro’ mower £2000 together with a further grant from restricted funds for the pavilion project £1500

We are delighted to see the first renovated finger post in the middle of Pensford and also to see the Pensford tennis courts fully functioning and being widely used – grants to these two projects having been made previously.

Grants approved but not yet paid:

- Publow church for the bell tower restoration £4000
- Stanton Drew church 6<sup>th</sup> bell hanging £1000
- Stanton Drew church for bell tower restorations £1000
- Improvements to sports facilities at Pensford School playground £7500 in principle
- Pensford playground project received in principle agreement although no defined amounts. This project now looks as if funding may be satisfied by national grants.

Pending projects:

Your Trustees are presently considering the following projects:

- Publicity and production costs for a series of Heritage walks covering Stanton Drew and Pensford. It is hoped that these will be launched to coincide with the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the terrible flood of July 1968;

- Further finger post projects, in particular those at Priestdown and Belluton, subject to funding also coming from other sources. The PPSCT would really like to support the same project in Stanton Drew.
- Stretching and mounting of the Stanton Drew WI centenary commemorative embroidery being produced by the ladies for the village hall
- Further support for Pensford School to facilitate the additional class they expect to open in September 2018.

## **Finances**

Our Balance Sheet appears to show a very healthy balance in hand at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018. However, your Trustees do not regard this as excessive given that, should all these projects come to fruition, they would absorb our available funding through to mid-2018, taking account of our Reserves Policy.

In the year, we benefitted from a full distribution from the 100 Club of £13,000 and also the proceeds of the third “Rok the Stones” marathon of just over £1,400.

The support of the 100 Club is core to our work and Trustees are hugely grateful to members for their continued belief in what we are doing. It is understandable that there is currently no other major fund raising initiative in progress – the organisers of the marathon are quite rightly resting after their huge efforts. However, there seems little doubt that if a major cause was identified, members would rally and funds would be forthcoming

## **Trustees**

Your Trustees have met three times during the year and I am grateful for their interest, hard work and commitment to the Trust, which is becoming thoroughly embedded in the life of our communities. In particular, our Treasurer, Ken Payne, and Sue Osborne, our unofficial Secretary, ensure the smooth running of our affairs. I am also grateful to Mark Finn, our Reporting Accountant.

Finally, thank you, our members, for the time, money, enthusiasm and support you show to this terrific local charity.

Andrew Hillman  
March 2018