ATWORTH VILLAGE HALL AND RECREATION GROUND – CHARITY NUMBER 305461

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2012

In 2012, in celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, the Recreation Ground was used for a most successful "Picnic-in-the-Park" and the Village Hall was and continues to be the location of the Atworth Village Jubilee mural with its 60 individual artworks by residents. We recognise and applaud the hard work of all those, including some of our Trustees, who were involved.

Early in the year our new Treasurer, Heather Crolley, had to stand down for personal reasons and we are indebted to Derek Edwards for resuming the post at short notice. There is, however, an urgent need for new volunteers to serve as Trustees and, particularly, as Officers.

The Hall, which continues to be well-used, has not required any major upkeep work in the year. We are grateful to the History Group for the donation of a chair suitable for the disabled and action, including seeking a grant, is under way to acquire some more such chairs in 2013.

On the Recreation Ground, the very wet summer created conditions which, as elsewhere, led to problems with grass-cutting, particularly of the football pitch, which continues to be used by Staverton FC for their home matches. The play equipment was professionally inspected towards the end of the year and some repair/upkeep work is likely to be required in 2013. My thanks, again, to John Day for repairing some of the older equipment. His workmanship received many favourable comments from villagers.

On the finance front things remain in good shape. The Trustees were most grateful for an unexpected, generous legacy from a one-time resident of the village. We have it in mind to use part of this to purchase a park bench for the Recreation Ground.

Once again may I thank my fellow Trustees for their assistance and support in aid of our Charity during the year.