

OXENHOPE MILLENNIUM GREEN TRUST

Registered Charity 1076941

Chair's Report to the Annual General Meeting, 2019

In this report as Chair of the Trust I'm pleased to be able to reflect on another largely positive year.

The village fête and fell race was another success in 2019. We will hear more about that shortly from our Secretary.

We again benefitted from a good selection of raffle prizes, thanks to Parish Councillor Joyce Harrop and the generosity of an anonymous benefactor. Thanks again to the hard work of the ticket sellers, the raffle made a positive contribution to the surplus generated by the fête, which will make a much-needed contribution to the upkeep of the Green.

In 2018/19 the Trust has operated with two Trustee vacancies and previous retirements from the Fête Committee have not been filled. In my opinion we urgently need to identify additional volunteers and I note there will be some discussion about that this evening. I am also delighted to note that a member of the Fête Committee has expressed interest in joining the Trust.

It is with some sadness that Richard Berry is stepping down. Richard has done a remarkable job as the voice of the Fête and on behalf of us all I would like to thank him for his contributions and wish him well for the future.

This year we have made some progress with land ownership issues and Northern Powergrid. The triangular parcel of land at the top end of the Green has been under uncertain ownership and Trustees have had some concerns about residents accessing the Green via the small grate near to Muffin Corner. It will be good to see that issue finally resolved. Many thanks to the tenacious enquiries and ongoing input made by our Secretary.

To wrap up, I would like once again to thank Trustees, members of the Fête Committee and volunteers, for freely giving their time to ensure that Oxenhope continues to benefit from a village Green.

Thanks also to all those who support and attend the fête and those who use and care for the Green.



Chair, Oxenhope Millennium Green Trust

2018/19 Trustees

Ken Eastwood (Chair)

Chris Coupland (Secretary)

Andrew Collinson (Treasurer)

Celia Holmes

Richard Berry

Vacancies x 2