

**Annual report for the 2015 AGM held on 17<sup>th</sup> July**

This AGM is not one where various officers are elected, rather it is an opportunity for the Trustee to report to Bampton people.

**Trustee:** Collectively, Bampton Town Council

**The Millennium Green** is a Public Open Space and wildlife area situated beyond the school car park which is open to everyone for informal recreation. There is provision for two disabled car-parking space and access to these through the school car park at all times. It has been planted with snowdrops and bluebells and with the primroses looks a delight in Spring and according to the official Local Plan should be managed with biodiversity in mind. It is the only free play space for children in Bampton and a space which the people of Bampton should be able to use for social functions. Dog access is via a bridge over the stream and we would be grateful if dog-walkers would use the doggie bin provide at the gate and keep the dogs under close control at all times. We have always welcomed use by the school. The autumn harvest from the myriad of old-named apple trees are free to families who wants to 'scrumpt'.

**Present Members of the Working Group:** Cllrs Baker, Wood and Hicks. Other volunteers are invited to join the group and will be authorised by the Town Council and thereby insured as working on behalf of the Council.

**Site inspection.** Since the last AGM in 2012, I can report that during 2012/13 the Group met on six occasions and subsequently other Councillors who took over at that time made further inspections and organised further improvements. In July 2013 the then Councillor Celia Hicks met with then Councillor John Westcott to assess the possibility of controlling the ragwort growth on Lower Lukes by the use of sheep. In October 2013 Joan Fagg made an inspection to locate and assess ash trees for fungal damage. At the time Julia Wheare was willing to undertake tree inspection. The lime kiln stonework had been repaired.

**Finance:** In 2012/13 the Church had been generously funding 50% of improvement costs as its contribution to the needs of the community and I must acknowledge the contribution of Mike Hatchett and his wife Pat who were fully involved with the working group. Colin Fagg and Councillors Terry Knagg and Francis Stoner were also stalwarts who were closely involved.

Together with maintenance of the Recreation Ground the present Council has allocated £3500 in its budget.

**The Pump House** is included in the Millennium Green Trust. It took time to re-claim ownership of it and since then the recent Councillors have arranged renovation and security camera installation. It is now used as storage for Bampton Fair Equipment and Snow clearing equipment.

**Management Plan.** By 2013 with the group working well together Joan Fagg had kindly drawn up a draft Management Plan. At this time we look forward to re-assessing the site and moving forward with that Plan.

**Questions? / Ideas?**

Cllr. Celia Hicks June 17<sup>th</sup> 2015

