

## **Report by the Chairman of the Teffont Trust**

The Teffont Trust was set up in 2008 and exists in order to do three things:

- to support the maintenance of the four public buildings in the village;
- to support projects beneficial to the village as a whole;
- and also to provide support to cases of individual hardship within the village.

To date the Trust has disbursed something in the order of £83,000 to various village causes. The Village Hall which acts as the hub of village life is the largest single recipient and has received £51,000 to help keep it well maintained and improve its amenities and to safeguard it for future generations. £21,000 has also been given to help renovate and maintain the two churches. In this last financial year the Trust gave over £3,000 in grants and has also agreed to give a further £2,400 to support work on the village bus shelters. The work of the Trust tends to be quite low-profile, especially in terms of welfare grants, but this scale of disbursements demonstrate that the village benefits immensely from it; a fact recognised by the many villagers who make generous personal donations to the Trust, usually by standing order.

The Trust currently has six Trustees representing the various organisations in the village: the PCC, the Parish Council, the Reading Room and the Village Hall.

The Trust's income arises in the main from donations from individual villagers, most of whom very kindly make annual standing orders which ease the administrative burden on the Trustees. The annual income is normally in the region of around £7,000 pa.

The Trustees meet twice a year to consider bids for financial support and to allocate funds as appropriate. The accounts are of course available for public inspection through the Charities Commission. If anyone has any questions about the Trust then they should speak to either myself as chairman, Zillah Faulkner (Treasurer) or Charlotte Watts (Secretary). On behalf of the Trustees I would like to thank everyone for their support over the years.

David Wood  
Chairman of Trustees