

## 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 over **£102,000** to various village causes. The Village Hall, which acts as the hub of village life, is the largest single recipient and has received over £53,000 to help keep it well-maintained and to improve its amenities in order to safeguard it for future generations. Over £35,000 has also been given to help renovate and maintain the two churches. Around £10,000 has been given to support other village activities and amenities.

In this last financial year the Trust gave over £13,000 in grants and has also agreed to give grants totalling a further £3,000 over the next few months. Recent work that the Trust has funded includes work on the village bus shelters, redecoration of Magna Church, repairs to the Village Hall perimeter wall, support the Platinum Jubilee Party and the Coronation Party, and a welfare grant.

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'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 Trust currently has five Trustees most of whom represent the various organisations in the village: the PCC, the Parish Council, the Reading Room and the Village Hall. The Trustees are currently: Zillah Faulkner (sec), Clarissa Bell, Don Ridley, Fi Homan and myself (chairman). We plan to appoint at least one further trustee shortly.

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 and Secretary).

On behalf of the Trustees I would like to thank everyone for their support over the years.

David Wood  
Chairman of Trustees