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BISHOPTHORPE MILLENNIUM TRUST
(Registered Charity no.1088453)

Annual Report April 2007 to March 2008

1. The Trust's Aims

The Bishopthorpe Millennium Trust was set up as a Registered Charity in 2001 to administer funds raised by the village Millennium Committee, augmented subsequently by the Jubilee Committee. In this year the Trust has continued to work towards meeting the objectives established on its formation.

2. Changes implemented during 2007

With the completion of the first two phases of the crossroads scheme [the sensory garden and the pinfold project] which benefited from considerable financial and volunteer resource accessed through the Millennium Trust, it was obvious that the trust itself was coming to a crossroads in its future.

After a trustee meeting of the 25th July it was agreed to hand over the crossroads project to the Parish Council, as well as the management of the Youth Awards. reduce the numbers in the Trust membership to six. It was also agreed that the trust would no longer act as a grant making or fund-raising body per se, but be available as a source of charitable awards etc. which could be of benefit to the village in the future. This charity status remained valuable and was not available from the Parish Council so was useful to maintain.

To reflect the reduced function of the Millennium Trust, the number of trustees was agreed to be reduced to 6 and the group agreed to meet twice a year.

2. Trustees (as of August 2007)

Trustees in this report period were:

Jo Bewley (Chair)
Roy Bayles (Treasurer)
Stewart Harrison
Lisa Thornton
Liam Godfrey,
Charlotte Drummond (Secretary).

3. Income and Expenditure

The examined accounts for the year to 31 March 2008 are attached.

4. Youth Award Scheme

As part of the discussion as to the trust's future, it was agreed that the management of the Youth Award scheme would be passed over to the Parish Council. This was done and the Parish Council led a successful award in late 2007.

5. Crossroads Scheme

The first element of the crossroads scheme was handed over to the Parish Council for continuing supervision and maintenance, in June 2007.

The second element of the crossroads scheme – the Pinfold Project – was completed in June 2007. The maintenance of this scheme has now been handed over to the parish Council.

6. Social Events

6. Conclusion

This has been a period of transition for the Millennium Trust. The Trustees remain committed to maintain the aims of the original Millennium Trust Constitution but recognise that these aims are best managed through the Parish Council, with the valuable resource being maintained as a charitable organisation within the village.

J Bewley

September 2008
