



Tom Boden Memorial Sports Trust

Annual Report

2011 started with the Trust holding an open meeting in Denstone Village Hall. The meeting was attended well and a presentation was given by founding trustee Mr. Edward Barker, about the history of the trust and it's involvements in the community over the last 25 years. Following on, an idea session was held discussing future recreational activities.

A second open meeting was held to develop the main ideas further, namely the use of the village hall for recreational facilities, and to form a management committee for Roberts Green.

Mr. Peter Robotham, Mr. Mike Rushton-Butters, Mrs Caroline Vernon, and Ms Katie Strachan all came forward to create the management committee for Roberts Green. Thanks go to Mr. and Mrs. Payne for taking on the responsibility of cutting the boundary hedge and special thanks to Mr. Damon Vernon for taking over the responsibility of the mowing.

Football nets have been purchased, and erected by Mr. Peter Robotham, and rounders equipment, already purchased by the Trust for the Woman's Institute, has been made available to Mrs Caroline Vernon.

Mr. Mike Rushton-Butters held a sports evening in the village hall. The Trust is waiting to see if they can be of any assistance.

Following the change in management of Denstone Youth Fund, issues were created over the insurance of the Children's Play Area on Oak Road, which unfortunately resulted in the Play Area being closed for a short period of time in July. After holding discussions with Denstone Youth Fund and our insurers these issues have been resolved and further discussions will take place over future responsibility when the present arrangements expire in 2013.

The future of the Pavilion has been a major concern for the Trust this year, and we are pleased to say that following a survey, a plan of maintenance should be completed before the beginning of the new playing seasons, safeguarding its place for years to come.

Maintenance of the boundary fences and surrounds of the courts has also been a concern during 2011, so with agreement from All Saint's First School, the hedges have been lowered and trimmed. Thanks to Mr. Keith Ford and Eon for providing help. Thanks must also go to the Bowls Club and all its members for the work that has gone on at the end of the season to improve the playing surface of the green for 2012.

The Trust was pleased to support the Christmas Tree Festival in aid of funds for the Parish Church and thanks must go to Mrs. Liz Ratcliffe for the representing the Trust with a 2012 Olympic Tree.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Trust and clubs, Bowls, Tennis, Roberts Green, and Denstone Youth Fund for their dedication and look forward to continued support during 2012 in providing recreational facilities to the inhabitants of Denstone Parish.