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Chairman's Report for 2010-11 delivered by John Grimshaw January 2012

The Community Trust has had another good year with membership increasing slightly on last year. This does however, still only include approximately 6% of the village population. We are always looking for people to give time, become a trustee or simply to join the trust and support us with your annual membership.

This year the Trust has continued to spend money on things which enhance the environment of the village and contribute to the wonderful surroundings in which we are fortunate to live. In partnership with the Parish Council we have continued last year's hanging baskets and will continue in 2012.

The Duck Race was again a huge success and was enjoyed by hundreds of people on a very pleasant day down by the river. It again raised £1000.00 for the Scouts and Guides with the balance going towards the Christmas lights.

The Lights in 2011 were again a great success. We refurbished several features for 2011 and continued to replace old bulbs with new energy saving bulbs to significantly reduce the amount of electricity consumed and further enhance the displays. Our thanks go to Tom Sumner and the other 20 plus volunteers for giving their time to erect and remove the lights. We also thank the Parrish Council and The Chamber of Trade for their continued financial support for the lights and for the organisation of the Christmas market.

Extensive refurbishment work has been carried out at the pavilion at Scalebor with a boarded and fully insulated ceiling being fitted and a full repaint of the interior. Negotiations have been on going with the owners of the playing fields at Scalebor for over two years to allow the trust to be the contractor for maintenance of the playing fields at Scalebor and this was successfully completed in October for a period of 12 months. This enables us to ensure that the fields are cut regularly to suit the requirements of the football and cricket clubs. We hope to add storage to the pavilion during the next few months and in conjunction with the Burley Trojans Juniors to spend money on improvement to the playing surfaces and thus encouraging the younger boys and girls to take part in team sports.

Some maintenance has been carried out in the pudding tree garden but with the demise of The Malt and uncertainty around its future we have resisted spending funds on an area that may well be damaged during any building operations when it is converted into apartments. We will ensure the developers reinstate the area after work is completed.

Extensive work was carried out on the land adjacent to Jake Wrights, now known as the "Jubilee Garden" and is now a new area for use by the public with seats and planting. This work was paid for by a bequest from Mr & Mrs Jennings who lived opposite. Trustees have had many positive comments from the public about the improvement to the area. Replanting will take place in spring with more appropriate plants in order to ease the maintenance of the area. Again we should express our appreciation to Tom and assistants for all their hard work.

The village website and the iBurley campaign run by Malcolm Fisher and his team and financed by the Trust have improved communications within the village and drawn BTs attention to the broadband needs of the village with positive improvements due to broadband services due in 2012.

Coffee mornings on the 3rd Saturday of each month continue to be a favourite with many locals. The monthly prize draw is made at this time and is drawn from the membership of the Trust; more volunteers to assist in running the coffee mornings would be appreciated.

Several trustees helped with the third Summer Festival and the Trust will continue to give financial support this wonderful addition to the village calendar.

In summary the Trust has got stronger over the past year and because of its increased membership and a few very generous donations has been able to increase it's spend on the amenities within the village and with your continued support it will go from strength to strength.

Thank you

John Grimshaw
Chair Burley in Wharfedale Community Trust