

# **The Trustees of the Dalton Charity**

## Chairman's Annual Report to the Dean and Parish Council for the Period April 2016 to March 2017

### **Community Activity for the Villages of Shelton, Upper and Lower Dean**

1. We continued to promote community life through several annual events - in June the Dog Show brought our dog lovers together, in July the Summer Village BBQ took place, in September we hosted the Annual Flower and Produce Show with over [xx] exhibitors and [xx] competitors, and in December the Xmas Fair attracted over 100 visitors.
2. The charity donated funds to the Puppet Show for children of the three villages in January 2017.
3. We agreed to promote the community value of the new allotments by agreeing to hold the peppercorn rent unchanged for the Allotment Association for its second year.
4. We extended the tenure of the use of the playing fields by the Rushden Cricket Club for five years. Their high quality groundsmanship contributed to the overall professional feel of the Hall facilities.
5. The hall continued to be used weekly by the Bowls Club, Brownies and the Grasshoppers Preschool.
6. Following their refurbishment in June 2017, we handed over the swings and climbing frame to enable the Parish Council to provide playground equipment for the use of the villages

### **Improvements to Facilities**

1. In order to improve safety for our visitors, in June we installed strong fencing along the edge of the stream where we had concerns that it was all too easy to slip down the bank, and in January we removed four trees on the boundary of the playing field which had broken branches and rotten trunks.
2. In 2017/18 we intend to commission early feasibility work to improve toilets and changing rooms.