







Preserving Singleton as a Community



A COMMUNITY VISION FOR SINGLETON October 2014

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Dear Resident

It has been six months since I last wrote to you and there has a lot been happening during this period.

Trustees. Firstly I would like to welcome two new Trustees; Anne Rogerson and Patrick Allen. Anne has farmed in Singleton all her life and brings a wealth of local, practical and commercial experience to the Trust. Patrick lives locally and has many years experience in financial management, which will provide the Trust with the expertise to manage their budget going forward. John Loftus has now retired as a Trustee and I would like to take the opportunity of thanking John for all the work and time he has given to the Trust over the last seven years. Thank you John

Singleton "Vision" for the Future. It is a year ago since we hosted the 'Enquiry by Design' Workshop and whilst there may be not much evidence of progress I can assure you that a lot of work is going in the background. Based on the outcome of the workshop, an Outline Planning Application has now been submitted to Fylde Borough Council for approval. This application covers most of the community "Vision" which was the output from that workshop.

Trust Property. Maintenance work has continued on the Trust property in the village. The refurbishment of Manor Farm is now complete and new windows have been installed in a further 11 properties. No1 and No 8 Station Road have become empty and refurbishment work is due to commence in Autumn 2014. Plans have been drawn up to rebuild Worsick's Farmhouse in the form of two rentable properties, keeping the look of the existing façade. Before work can start, a planning application must be made to Fylde Borough Council and this will also be submitted this autumn.

Singleton Community. The Trust continues to work with/support the Singleton Parish Council and other Village based groups, such as the Gala committee. Currently the Trust has committed to assist with the provision of solar panels for the village hall and the purchase of a defibrillator for use in the village.

The Trust are also utilising the services the "Community Payback Team" and other such volunteers to clear woods, improve Trust owned tracks and generally tidy up the area around Great Singleton.





Footpaths in Singleton Estate. Planning consent has now been received for the full network of footpaths within the estate. These paths will link the centre of the village to woodland and existing public rights of way.

This work will be undertaken in two phases:

The first project (Horseshoe) is to complete a circular walk from Puzzle Wood, through to Caudle Wood, through to the existing bridleway that goes through Grange Farm and onto Grange Road. This then links to a footpath that goes close to Grange Hill Wood, through to Church Wood and comes out at the church. This is part funded by the Forestry Commission and the Lancashire Environment Fund and work is due to start on the 3rd November 2014 and complete before Easter 2015.

The second project (Village) is to complete the link from Caudle Wood through to Lodge Lane near to the Park Gates and then through the parkland, following the line of the main road, exiting onto the pavement at the boundary with the wood belonging to Singleton Lodge Hotel. The project also includes some remedial work that needs to be done to replace/renovate fencing near the church and the kissing gate which is part of the Church walk. Work is ongoing to obtain funding for this phase from other 3rd parties.

Please remember that we are always interested in your views so please do not hesitate to contact the Trust either by email at info@singletontrust.co.uk or by telephone c/o Ingham & Yorke, Chartered Surveyors, 01200 423655

