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Preserving Singleton as a Community



A COMMUNITY VISION FOR SINGLETON May 2015

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Dear Resident

A lot has been happening since I last wrote to you in October 2014 and I would like the opportunity to share the highs and some lows with you.

Woodland Walks. The Trust has created some permissive footpaths in parts of Singleton Park and adjoining farmland. Many local residents and visitors to Singleton are starting to use these paths and the Trust has received a lot of excellent feedback about them. This has been very much a 'team effort' by all the Trustees, the Tenant Farmers, the Land Agent, the Landscape Architect, the contractors, the Lancashire Environmental Fund and the Forestry Commission. I would also like to express a big 'THANK YOU' to John Highton who has taken this project onboard wholeheartedly and put so much into it. Thanks John and also to Olive for her continued support in the background.

Maintenance. These walks will need some ongoing maintenance such as litter picking, bulb planting, maintaining tree guards, pruning and planting new trees. There are lots of jobs, both big and small and to suit all ages and abilities and John will be looking to form a group of volunteers who together will undertake this work. If you want to be involved in any way then please contact the Trust either by email at info@singletontrust.co.uk or by telephone c/o Ingham & Yorke, Chartered Surveyors, 01200 423655. There will be a meeting on Thursday 25th June at 7:30pm at Singleton Village Hall where you can come and find out more information about this group (light refreshments will be available).

Future Plans. The next stage will be to complete the link from Caudle Wood through to near South Lodge and a path parallel to Lodge Lane with a connection to the highways pavement at the boundary with Singleton Lodge. Work continues to secure funding from third parties before these paths can be built.

Singleton - A Vision for the future. Fylde Borough Council has granted outline planning permission, subject to a number of planning conditions and to the completion of an S106 agreement for the majority of the proposals within the Vision. There are some minor changes to the original application however this has now given the Trust a clear mandate to continue to develop the community's vision for the future of Singleton.



Worswick's Farm House. Plans have been drawn up for two semi-detached dwellings on the site of the old farmhouse. As part of this, it is our intention to demolish the existing building as it is not viable to create a property from the existing shell to meet all the modern building regulations. The front elevation of two new dwellings will mirror the existing facade as this is part of the village's heritage. (This is a similar philosophy to that used for the refurbishment of the Village Hall.) The Trust will apply for detailed planning permission once the bat survey has been carried out and this is expected to be completed in May of this year.

Under Trusteeship. Sadly Tom Pridmore has recently retired from being a Trustee after 8 years service. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tom for all his hard work and commitment that he has shown to the Trust over this period of time. Thanks Tom. At present there are no immediate plans to replace Tom however if you wish to be considered for the role of Trustee at some point in the future then please contact the Trust either by email at info@singletontrust.co.uk or by telephone c/o Ingham & Yorke, Chartered Surveyors, 01200 423655.

Trust Properties. The programme to replace windows, doors and roofs of the Trust properties will continue throughout 2015. Both No.1 Station Rd and No.8 Station Rd have now been completely refurbished and let to new tenants.

Community Support. The Trust continues to support the local community in many ways. Over the past twelve months it has given donations of over £23,000 to village based groups and organisations. This was done in many ways which include matching funds already raised, helping to realise other grant money and providing young people with help through the Youth Opportunity Fund.

And finally. 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

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