

## Chairman's Statement, year ended 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026

I am delighted to report on the Trust's eleventh year.

We have continued to benefit from the generosity of members of the 100 Club. Extraordinarily, the 100 Club still has 96 members following a number of departures and some new recruits. This has provided a steady level of income over the years and has allowed us to consider so many applications without being under financial pressure.

This year we have distributed a total of £12,259 and closed the year with undesignated cash reserves of some £45,000. Since the year end Trustees have designated further grants amounting to nearly £9,000.

The major grants actually paid in the year include the following:

	£
St. Mary's, Stanton Drew bell tower	4,000
Pensford Primary School play equipment	3,796
Stanton Drew sports field	750
Stanton Drew Stone Circles book (50% grant)	416
Tim Hurley towards international ploughing match costs	300
Stanton Drew School allotments	435
Less refund of Stukeley costs from prior year	(262)

This represents a broad range of requests across both villages. Of course we are always on the lookout for more.

Members continue to be indebted to the work done by your Trustees and we were delighted to welcome Norman Heckington, who lives in the old rectory at Publow, to their number.

Andrew Hillman

May 2026