

ESTATES REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2020 AND 2021

TOWN HALL

The Town Hall income for 2019-2020 fell on the previous 2 years coming in at £10,974.00. Due to Covid the Town Hall has mainly been closed from March 2020 to date and has had to survive on Government grants for which we are very grateful. In 2019-2020 we purchased a new freezer and oven, and the back windows of the new room have been re-painted, the Estates Committee are currently putting together a TH window maintenance programme and hope work will commence soon. Nathan Smy has cleared the Town Hall garden, you will be pleased to know that it is growing back again and remains a haven for wild life including sparrows.

BAKERS LANE COTTAGES

The jewel in the Trust's Crown. All six cottages remain occupied, though one of the tenants moved out in August 2020 to another Trust property allowing another young couple to move back into the village. Because of the various large projects that have been undertaken over the past few years there has only been minor repair work needed on the cottages. Some of the boundary fences have been replaced and there are plans to complete the remaining in the near future. We would like to thank Black rooster, Ben Scopes, Mark Thacker, John Backhouse and Pat Magennis (Plumbing!) for attending to problems so quickly and efficiently. I should also draw your attention to the time and trouble Johnnie Howard takes to oversee issues concerning the Cottages and Town Hall and extend our appreciation for this.

QUAY MEADOW/MILLENIUM WOOD – please see attached

ALLOTMENTS

The growing season is upon us but because of the cold and early morning frosts some of the sowing had to be done later than usual but there is a hive of activity at both the Gedgrave and Bakers Lane Allotments. New allotment holders are very busy getting stuck in and keen to ask the older experts.

The Committee would like to thank allotment holders on their water usage during 2020 to a practical minimum. The usage was about twice what it is normally but we had a very long dry period and it is not good to let crops die. We seem to be facing a similar situation this year but fingers crossed we will have some steady rain soon.

NOTT currently has a total of 32 allotments (37 at Gedgrave and 10 in Bakers Lane). There are no allotments available at the moment and have 5 on the waiting list. For those interested it is certainly a good idea to put your name down to ensure you secure one sooner rather than later.

The Estates Committee would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to both Ian Castle and Philip Tricker for all their work – words cannot express our gratitude.

Further thanks are due to all the members of the Estates Committee who give up their time freely with humour and who go far beyond the call of duty. Since the last AGM in 2019, we have welcomed new committee members – Frances Barnwell and Craig Ambury. Many thanks also to Margaret Green, Jonnie Howard and Richard Mallett. As far as I know, not one member has claim expenses since 2011. However the real heroes are Kara,,Marie and Hannah we thank them for their brilliance.

MARY ILIFF
5th May, 2021