

## Holme Bank Land Trust – Update December 2020

Well I am sure that we will all agree that it has been an unprecedented year for everyone, and whilst the trustees and villagers have been unable to gather for any social events due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we just wanted to update you on the activities that the trustees have been involved in, in support of us all.

Firstly we have continued to manage the finances to ensure they remain healthy and have obtained rents for the land owned by the trust. We continue to visit the land outside of the village three or four times a year to ensure it remains in good agricultural condition, and ensure appropriate insurances are held to protect the assets and public liability. We continue to support the church and the focal point and expect to erect the Christmas tree lights in December.

We continue to maintain the Blacksmiths shop and Community Orchard. You will notice that the doors and shutters have been stripped and painted, new guttering and channel drain have been fitted after discussions with the conservation officer, to help protect the building from the weather. The blacksmiths shop continues to house some limited items of flood defence, should they ever be needed, and until flood wardens are appointed please contact any trustee for access. Tables, chairs and gazebos are not being loaned during the pandemic.

This year grass cutting and hedge trimming has been undertaken by volunteers, but if anyone else would be willing to help out next spring it would be much appreciated, just contact any of the trustees.

On behalf of the village we have purchased a painting kit and new signage for the phone box and hope this will be completed once the weather allows.

The trust has also continued to check and maintain the defibrillator, to ensure its ready for use if needed, and despite the difficulties in obtaining plants during lockdown 1, filled and maintained planters to try and brighten up our village.

Finally Adrian continues to maintain the village website [www.holmevillage.co.uk](http://www.holmevillage.co.uk) with general village information, which has been invaluable to keep us informed during this year of social distancing.

Should anyone have any suggestions for consideration, which will benefit the village as a whole, please contact any of the trustees.

That only leaves us to wish you all well, for a safe, and healthy Christmas and New year.

### Trustees

Jill Hooper, Yvonne Skaith, Rob Chapman, Adrian Smith and Lesley Blundy.