



Paxcroft Mead Community Centre
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CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT - APRIL 2009/MARCH 2010.

1. We have had another good year, with a full committee throughout, except that the Social Club representative stepped down after their AGM in October, but a new one is now in place. Our Treasurer will not be able to continue in this role next year because of pressure of work in his full time job, but he will remain on the committee and a new volunteer is in place to take over in due course.
2. Bookings have continued to hold up, and we had something of a windfall when Iceland used the Centre for all their interviews and training associated with opening their new store in Trowbridge. The review of contracts with our suppliers, and the Centre becoming a registered charity, have led to an improving financial situation, and we have decided once again that there is no need to increase our charges this year. That will make three years at the same rates.
3. The boundary problem has still not been resolved. Part of the problem now is about ownership. Hilperton Parish Council hold the title, and we thought this meant they owned it, but we have discovered recently that this is not necessarily the case. In May, an entry was made in the Land Registry records, so at least it is now clear that the ownership of the building itself has transferred away from Marshgate/Attivo. Several people who have looked at the Land Registry office entry have concluded that Hilperton Parish Council own the building, but the Council disagrees. Community First are now trying to sort this out for us. Once all round agreement is reached, we shall have to decide if it is still worth pursuing the boundary issue.
4. We have continued activity on maintenance. As well as the routine day-to-day upkeep, we have completed our programme of redecoration inside, re-stained a lot of the outside woodwork, replaced the dilapidated dummy windows with new enclosed notice boards, refurbished the sign over the main entrance, and arranged to refurbish the one over the Social Club entrance. We also sorted out our previously untidy external store cupboards to make room for a new modular stage which we have bought, and towards which the Parish Council made a generous contribution. The web page has been redesigned and extended.
5. The Social Club makes a regular monthly payment towards the running of the Centre. In the past, we have also approached them for additional help with particular items such as the replacement of the fire alarm panel. Our improved financial position is changing that situation. We have not needed to ask for any such help for some time now, and have in fact been able to help the Social Club by allowing them free use of the newly acquired stage, allocating one of the new notice boards for their use, and by paying for the refurbishment of the sign over their entrance door to improve the general appearance of the building.

F.J. Marples 8th of April 2010.