**Annual Report of the Trustees**

**Year to 31st March 2019**

Womack Staithe is a registered charity whose object is the general benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of Ludham. The Parish Council nominates three of the five trustees (Mr M J L Flett, Mr A J Lupson & Mr J C Youngs). Two trustees are co-opted (Mr G A Wise and Mr S Partridge). Ludham Parish Council is the Custodian Trustee of the charity and owner of the land.

The Trust manages the staithe on behalf of the village, deriving its income almost entirely from mooring fees (a tiny proportion being interest), both annual fees from parishioners and daily fees from visitors. The parish moorings available for parish residents, are let on an annual basis reviewed annually with fees dependent on the size of boats. There is currently a waiting list for moorings.

Once again the Trustees have held the daily public mooring fees, in line with practice elsewhere and to encourage visitors to the village. The work of the three regular and two relief fee collectors continues to be much appreciated.

During the year the Trust has again supported the New Year fireworks celebrations, and the Trustees supported the refurbishment of the Children’s Playground with a grant of £9,901. The Trust also provides the funds for the grass and hedge cutting programmes in the village, and the Trustees also fund any shortfall in the urban verge grass cutting costs previously in the control of Norfolk Highways, this year £1,822.

Final accounts for the year are with the clerk of the council. Income from Parish moorings, Public mooring fees, the Womack “box”, and bank interest, will be almost unchanged from the previous year, and Expenditure considerably increased as a result of the support for the children’s Playground and the additional grass cutting. The Trust maintains cash balances sufficient to allow for the repair or replacement of the extensive quay heading and surrounding area.