**Annual Report of the Trustees**

**Year to 31st March 2021**

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 A Lumbard). 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. This is still currently held at £3.00 per overnight stay. The work of the collectors continues to be much appreciated, especially David Benbow who stepped in to cover.

Due to the Corona virus Pandemic, the restrictions meant that collecting didn’t start until July, resulting in the public mooring fees & the Womack Staithe collection box takings being lower then previous years, however The Trust has continued to provide funds for the grass and hedge cutting programmes in the village, and grants of £5000.00 each towards the improvements to the LVH and Ludham Church.

There will be major repair work to the front quay heading (private end) which has increased expenditure considerably as steel piling was purchased in preparation for work which will commence later this year.

Final accounts for the year are with the clerk of the council.