**Annual Report of the Trustees**

**Year to 31st March 2022**

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 Davey 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. The parish moorings fees remained the same from last year but will have an increase of 2.5%, beginning from April 2022. There is currently a waiting list for moorings.

The Trustees have held the daily public mooring fees at £3.00 per overnight stay; however this will be increased to £5.00 from April 2022, with an increase in the percentage taken for the collectors too. The work of the collectors continues to be much appreciated.

The Trust has continued to provide funds for the grass and hedge cutting programmes in the village, and the New Year’s fireworks (& associated costs), and for the Staithe to be used for the Ludham Illuminated Boat Parade. No applications have been made for grants this year.

The major repair work on the Quay heading has had a delayed start due to planning issues however is now underway and should be finished by the beginning of the next season.

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