**Annual Report of the Trustees**

**Year to 31st March 2023**

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 were increased by an average of 5% from April 2022 and there is currently a waiting list for moorings.

The Trustees increased the daily public mooring fees to £5.00 per overnight stay 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 the repairs and maintenance to the Staithe quay heading and environment during the 2022/2023 year amounted to more than £15,000.

Draft accounts for the year are with the clerk to the council.