

GRADE RUAN COMMUNITY TRUST

Registered Charity 1121984

Trustees' Annual Report April 2020 to March 2021

The work of the Trust in managing Cadgwith car park and the three sets of public toilets has continued as in previous years. The work of the Trust has been severely disrupted by the covid pandemic. We took special measures to ensure that at least some toilet facilities remained available in all three locations at all times. This required a lot of safety precautions, new procedures and notices everywhere, and very careful provision to ensure the safety of our regular cleaner. There has been considerable additional expense at a time when income from car parking fees was virtually zero. We have had to postpone various improvement works planned for the toilets and have been unable to fund all of the requests for grants we have received.

Our major improvement project is to provide facilities for customers to pay their car parking fees by credit or debit card. The lack of ready cash in the summer led to several people being unable to purchase a ticket. Installing a new ticket machine complete with phone line has proved expensive but will clearly reap rewards in future. To cover the fee we will have to pay for each card transaction, the parking charge has been raised to £3 per day, still much below levels seen in many other parts of Cornwall. A collapsed wall and several potholes in the car park will also be repaired in time for the summer season.

Moira Hurst resigned her Trusteeship and her post as Secretary. Mrs. Victoria McClarity has agreed to become a new Trustee.

During the year, grants were distributed to local organisations as follows:

- Grade Ruan School for five new laptops and some picnic benches
- New defibrillator cabinet and trackers

Current Trustees are Paul Collins (chair), Jonathan Fletcher, Peter Freeman, Elwyn Jones, Mo Jones (Treasurer), Victoria McClarity.

Peter Freeman