

EAST RURAL NETWORK

End of year report

Last year the Network made the decision to formalise itself. A Constitution was drawn up and adopted, and a bank account opened.

Two projects of benefit to the Community were identified and sources of funding investigated. Unfortunately it took 3 months to open the bank account which did not help our application to the Lottery Awards for All but we approached other funding sources and work began on the first of our projects- the refurbishment of the Hoddlesden Old Tram Waiting Room. The generosity of local people, a successful Grass Roots application and monies from the Lloyd Trust enabled us to carry out the work but we were left with a shortfall and are taking steps to raise further funds to cover this. The second project was the re-fencing of the reservoir banking on Johnson New Road. This started well with a successful application to the Neighbourhood Board for a third party payment to a Landfill Trust but we then came up against the question of land ownership, and because of United Utilities involvement, Sita withdrew their support. The project has now been taken over by Ingham and York on behalf of Synergie Healthcare (Carus Estates) in conjunction with United Utilities and we await a positive outcome.

Hopefully our next year will be a more successful, and less stressful, in relation to funding as the recession eases.

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