

## **Chair's Report 16th January 2023**

I wish you all a Happy New Year and would like to thank all who helped with the Christmas Trees on the Hill.

**QLS:-** The signs were due to be collected before Christmas but they are awaiting clips to be delivered and will be in touch once back in stock. Some posts have been erected already. Cllr. David Chenery is due to retire from Highways but will stay on the QLS project as a volunteer until completed.

**Young Adults group:-** Since the start-up of the Young Adults group the venue has been full almost every week in the Village Hall committee room, to ensure this valuable provision is accessed by all that need it the provision needs to be moved to a larger venue and the hours extended. It is planned that two youth groups will be based at the local primary school, one for younger teenagers and one for the older teenagers. The first group will start at 5.30pm and the last group will finish at 9.30pm. The new venue would enable more young people to attend with better facilities for activities and improved space for confidential conversations. The aims of these groups are to support young people's mental health and increase opportunities to seek support should it be needed, increase the health and well-being of those attending, improve young people's engagement and confidence and also reduce Anti-social behaviour in the area. The Young Adults group moved to the school on the 11<sup>th</sup> January when 18 youngsters attended. The younger group will be invited to attend on a date to be announced. The groups will be run by qualified professional youth workers (CYDS) for which we have received a further grant from East Suffolk Community Partnership to help this project go forward.

**First Light Festival:** - They will be holding a workshop on Wednesday 18th January at 11.00 hours in the Village Hall to explore how cultural events can play a more targeted role in economic and community recovery in the current climate, everyone is welcome to attend.

***Ivor French***