

Halton Lune Trust

A reflection from our Chair

Living in Lancashire, the rain is a constant companion, something we accept as part of our daily life. The rain, falling far away on the Howgill Fells in Cumbria, makes its way down the River Lune to Halton. Here, many years ago water powered the Halton Mill as it now powers the Halton Lune Hydro.

The Project for the Halton Lune Hydro was completed in 2015 and is truly inspirational. Whilst a major project, it is in many ways a simple process - water flows down a pipe, turns a propeller which spins a fly wheel leading to a belt that drives a sturdy but modest generator, feeding electricity at a profit to the nearest houses and the National Grid. When you boil the kettle some of that electricity may well have come from the village's hydroelectric plant. The income from the Hydro covers its ongoing maintenance, provides a fair return to its shareholders with the remaining profit coming to the Halton Lune Trust to enable grants, in accordance with its criteria, for the benefit of Halton and surrounding villages through the Halton Lune Trust.

During my time as a Trustee of the Charity I have seen two significant changes.

The first, improved clarity of its criteria which has enabled the Trust to support projects in adjoining villages along the Lune Valley, including Caton, and Gressingham.

The second, is the increasing number of private individuals who recognise the value of the Trusts work and mission. Some individuals are now choosing to make regular personal donations to the charity as a way of recognising what can be achieved to enhance the quality of life in our villages, whether it be community, environmental or conservational.

If anyone is interested in making a donation to the Trust, whether it be one off or regular, or a Legacy in your Will please contact the secretary: [secretaryhaltonlunetrust@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryhaltonlunetrust@gmail.com)

We are fortunate to live in a very beautiful valley, where the water is working to improve and preserve our community for the next generation.

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