

### Annual Report 2014

2014 was a good year for the Society. This year we tried something different and the general consensus was that it was a success. The change of venue from the Parish Hall to the Green at West Woodburn was a major factor in this success. In any new venture a gauge of success is the level of interest generated and judging by the response of the vast majority of the parishioners they are keen for us to repeat the experience.

Buoyed by this support we intend to try something very similar this year and the Committee are grateful for the Parish Council allowing us to stage the Show on the Green. With the support of local businesses and the generosity of the parishioners we are on course to raise the funds necessary to stage this year's show.

As with any organisation mistakes are made. We have listened to this criticism and this year we have made some small changes to the format that will hopefully improve the enjoyment for all. We are close to finalising this year's programme and a draft of this is attached to this report. Once finalised a copy will be delivered to every house in the Parish using the Newsletter delivery network.

Once again we have used Woodburn School to design the artwork for the programme and with their support we are looking to extend the exhibition classes for the under sixteens.

Our policy is to be inclusive. Once again we will be offering other local organisations the opportunity to share the facilities and, if they wish, raise funds for their respective concerns. The society has purchased two tents and we can offer increased under cover space. One of these tents will be used for the tea room; however the other will be made available to local interests.

For the Show to survive and prosper we need the support of the wider community. We are a committee of nine and we will need assistance if we are to provide some of the events on the programme. For example people who are CRB checked will be required to supervise the Junior Disco. Unfortunately we do not have anybody who can fulfil this role and without it we will be unable to provide this event. However, we will provide the facilities.

To continue this success we need all aspects of the Parish to participate in the Show. We try to appeal to both sexes and all age groups. With a little help we are confident we can provide an exciting and entertaining weekend that will appeal to all across the Parish.

**The Committee**

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