

## **TfK TELEVISION FOR KENTMERE**

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### **To all Subscribers and Parishioners**

The *TfK* Committee met recently to discuss progress and events since September 2010 and presents herewith its report of the current situation and the accounts for the 2010 year.

We now have all the channels that Terrestrial digital broadcasting can provide for us, that is 14 primary and 6 ancillary TV channels, 11 radio channels, plus 4 HD channels for those with a Freeview HD receiver (a T2 tuner). Some 10% of the national population is served by transmitters that are unable to broadcast additional channels and Kendal is one of them. These require upgrading by commercial broadcasters, which they will not do, and Ofcom say they have no power to make them.

In order to plan for the future, the *TfK* committee will be carrying out a survey in the Parish to find out what the community's views and aspiration are for their TV reception. We would greatly appreciate your assistance with this when we contact you in due course.

There have been the occasional problems with reception for some, but these seem to right themselves without the need to call out Andrew Brass. Andrew has recently carried out a full service of both the main and the Brockstones relays, and found that no major work was necessary. If any scheme members experience any problems with reception at any time, please do let a member of the committee know.

Financially, we have benefitted by not having had a maintenance visit during 2010. However, the fixed overheads of insurance and electricity now amount to £400 per year and it is prudent to allow for as much again in service costs. The effect of this is that we need to increase the annual subscription to £25 for this year. Our reserves stand at £2,433 as at December 2010, not a large sum in terms of possible equipment repairs, but such an increase should enable us to hold that position. It is worth reflecting that this increase simply reverses a reduction made in 2003, and leaves the current subscription the same as it was in 1999!

We would be very grateful if you would send your cheques for **£25 payable to “Television for Kentmere”** to either myself or Jim Stilling as soon as possible (or cash with a name and date) and we thank you in anticipation for your support.

Once again, we would like to record our thanks to those parishioners who do not actually require the use of our system, but still contribute to this community initiative. We hope you will be able to continue to support us. Our scheme offers very good value for money and, for those using commercial satellite, it continues to provide a convenient and low cost back-up facility.

*Max Biden*  
Secretary