

The Green Charity

Chairman's Report 2011-2012

The Trustee held 12 formal meetings during the year, taking place after Parish Council Meetings. Most of its activities are related to the maintenance, appearance and preservation of the Green. The Green has been used for a fair, vintage car displays and of course football and cricket.

Parking of vehicles on the Village Green remains a continuing problem and the Trustee has investigated reinforcing media to prevent damage where parking is essential. Installation costs continue to increase. It is only by written concession from the Charity that parking can be permitted on the Village Green.

Building work to houses around the Green often requires contractors' vehicles, skips and materials to be placed on the Village Green and a small charge per day will continue to be made with damage repair to the surface of the Green and the roadway at the cost of the resident.

Major repair works on many of the Permitted Way roadways was carried out as part of a rolling schedule and will continue as required. The repair work in the year under review amounted to £19,767.52. This work was funded by the Permitted Way Licence scheme, together with donations for the use of the Green. The Green Charity thanks John Cobb & Sons Ltd for the high standard of their work for us.

Maintenance of the trees planted on the Green has become costly, and is of great concern to the Trustee. Tree maintenance is very expensive. In addition several chestnut and oak trees are being carefully monitored for disease. Attention is now being given to our ash trees too.

As from 1st September 2011, the newly-elected Trustee has issued Permitted Way Licences for either one year 2011-12, renewable annually, or for four years 2011-2015, with payment by cheque. The Standing Order payment process was discontinued, due to the high amount of administrative time required for its management.

Following the deregistration and sale of land to CEMEX in 2011, the Trustee is pleased to record that 39 affordable houses were built, for people with a link to our village. Although the title has been registered to The Green Charity, management of the central area of the new development at Heselton Way will be taken over by the Green Charity in due course.

Attached to this report is a copy of the Audited Accounts for the year 2010-2011 and of the Audited Accounts for the year 2011-2012. The Trustee is grateful to Simon Lake for auditing the Accounts. Thanks to Margaret Goding for her administration of the Charity and to Brian Northrop for his support and advice in his role as Curator of the Green.

Aidan Van de Weyer
Chairman Green Trustee

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