

The Green Charity

Chairman's Report 2013-2014

The Trustee held 9 formal meetings during the year. 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. Cllr Van de Weyer was elected as Chairman of the Trustee.

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; 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. Residents should request permission before starting work.

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 £19,990.07. This work was funded by the Permitted Way Licence scheme, together with donations for the use of the Green. This included the installation of some more kerbing for protection of the Green from lorries. The Green Charity thanks John Cobb & Sons Ltd for the high standard of their work for us.

As from 1st September 2011, the newly-elected Trustee has issued Permitted Way Licences for either one year 2011-12 £37.50, renewable annually, or for four years 2011-2015 £180.00, with payment by cheque. The majority of funds are paid by lump sum.

Management of Heselton Green, the central area of the new development at Heselton Way, will be handed over to the Green Charity in due course, pending completion of work to the surface.

David Whybrow has continued his role as Curator of the Green and supported the Trustee with advice on maintenance.

The Green Charity intends to hold an Open Meeting on Thursday May 15. Information for the Meeting will be distributed to all residents.

Attached to this report is a copy of the Audited Accounts for the year 2012-2013 and of the Draft Accounts for the year 2013-2014. The Trustee is grateful to Simon Lake for auditing the Accounts. Thanks are also due to Margaret Goding for continuing her able administration of the Charity.

Aidan Van de Weyer, Chairman Green Trustee

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