

The Green Charity

Chairman's Report 2009-2010

The Trustee held 10 formal meetings during the year, the majority 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 appear to be quite high. 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 at the cost of the user.

Minor repair work on the many Permitted Way roadways was carried out as part of a rolling schedule and will continue as required. This work is funded by the Permitted Way Licence scheme. High repair costs are anticipated for 2010, when the major works commissioned for 2009 are expected to take place. The contractor was unable to do so in 2009 due to other commitments.

Maintenance of the trees planted on the Green has become costly. In addition several chestnut and oak trees are being carefully monitored for disease.

As from 1st September 2007, the new Trustee issued Permitted Way Licences for either one year 2007-2008, renewable annually, or for four years 2007-2010, with payment by Standing Order or by cheque.

The Trustee submitted an Application to the Planning Inspectorate in August 2008, to deregister 0.4 acres of the Village Green, in exchange for a total of about 1.8 acres of adjacent land owned by CEMEX. This Application having followed due process has been completed. The deregistered land remains in the ownership of The Green Charity.

Attached please find a copy of the Audited Accounts for the year 2008-2009 and the draft accounts for the year 2009-2010. 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.

Tony Fletcher
Chairman Green Trustee

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