

The Green Charity

Chairman's Report 2010-2011

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 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.

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 £21,855.88. 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.

As from 1st September 2007, the newly-elected 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. Following the Parish Council elections due in May 2011, the new Trustee will offer similar Licences for the period 2011 – 2015.

The Trustee sold the deregistered land to CEMEX in March 2011 and has received substantial adjacent land in exchange, with more to come on completion of the development. Following the advice of the District Auditor, the sum of £128,500 was paid by CEMEX to the Green Charity.

Attached to this report is a copy of the Audited Accounts for the year 2009-2010 and of the draft accounts for the year 2010-2011. 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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