



**Chorleywood  
Parish Council**

**Village Day**

**2012**

**14th July 12 noon to 4pm**

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# Chorleywood Matters



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NEWS & VIEWS FROM CHORLEYWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

## SUMMARY OF THE ANNUAL REPORT 2011-12

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### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

In her report, the Chairman of the Council referred to the challenges and opportunities during her period of office such as the conservation grazing and the proposal for a play area. She also reported on the many events and activities that have taken place during 2011/12 including Village day - our most successful yet - and the Chairman's Charity Quiz night, which raised in excess of £8,000 shared between 23 local charities.

### OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

Cattle returned to the common in September 2011. However, following objections from a small number of residents and to avoid the cost to the Parish of a Public Enquiry, the Council decided to withdraw the application for permanent fencing and to set up a working party to take the grazing project forward in consultation with parishioners.

Following the advice received from Natural England, a new system of management for the Common ponds has been agreed. Although a number of extra allotment plots have been created to try to meet demand, capacity has now been reached and new plots will only become available as others are vacated. Standards of cultivation remain high and the Council awards annual prizes for excellence at the Horticultural Society's Autumn Show.

The Rangers have undertaken a wide range of work including clearing scrub around the Top Common Ponds, clearing trees blown down in the

winter gales and dealing with the overactive mole population. They have also led many walks on the Common for adult and children's groups to meet the cattle and to learn about the Common's bio-diversity. The Common and its wildlife are also the focus of plans to convert Hollybush Hall into an education facility for schools and other groups. Senior Parish Ranger, Peter Monahan has reached retirement age. During his many years of service, Peter has overseen huge changes which have helped to restore the Common's biodiversity. The Parish Council are very grateful for his valuable contribution and are happy that he will continue to work part time for a few more years.

### PLANNING COMMITTEE

Three Rivers District Council and the Parish Council endeavour to ensure that new development takes account of residents' views and the impact on an area. The new Local Development Framework will guide planning decisions in the future. The council will also take on board alterations to the planning appeals system and will consult local residents on all aspects of their community. The Parish reviewed 267 planning applications in 2011. Cllr Jackie Worrall expressed her thanks to all those residents who have commented in committee meetings or by email and have helped the Parish Council to understand the impact of applications. Councillors and residents need to work together to balance the need to protect Chorleywood against inappropriate development whilst understanding the requirement for affordable, sustainable homes.

## Summary of the Annual Report 2011-12 cont'd.

### VILLAGE HALLS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Although several longstanding events were cancelled in 2011, income was boosted by the filming of a BBC TV pilot which may lead to further bookings. Regular users include the Carol Kristian Theatre and Dance School, Keep Fit Classes, NADFAS and U3A lectures and the Annual Christmas shows. The War Memorial hall's wiring has been improved and the committee has been exploring greater use of Hollybush Hall (see Open Spaces above).

### PLAY AREA IN CHORLEYWOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

This Committee was set up following an allocation from Three Rivers District Council (TRDC) of £95,000 for improving play facilities in Chorleywood. Members considered several sites. A report has gone forward from the Open spaces Committee to TRDC who will make the final decision.

### THE CRICKET ON THE COMMON ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Committee discussed with the Cricket Club their plans for a possible replacement of the cricket pavilion. The current Pavilion lacks sufficient space for current needs and is in a state of disrepair. As the pavilion is in a conservation area and on green belt, development plans may be limited by planning and building regulations. The proposed start for the new pavilion is likely to be 2014/15.

### POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS (PCSOs)

We have two full time PCSOs, Tania Stabler and James Stopford. Although 2011 saw a slight increase in crime, these issues have been addressed and there is now a decrease in theft from motor vehicles; also patrols have reduced the number of Dwelling Burglaries. The OWL (online watch link) service continues to alert Chorleywood residents to any potential problems in the area. There has also been a large decrease in anti-social behaviour incidents. Residents can raise issues with the PCSOs at monthly 'bright spots' held in the library and Rootz Cafe.

## Outside Bodies on which the Parish Council has Representatives.

### THREE RIVERS ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM

The forum brings together all groups, both official and volunteer, who work for the environment in Three Rivers. It works to help deliver the national and county biodiversity plans and also runs the Rickmansworth Canal Festival. It provides a forum where its members can acquire and exchange information on local environmental initiatives in the District.

### THE LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BOARD

The Board's priority is to continue to help deprived families by undertaking projects in the key areas of children and young people's wellbeing, health and disability, adult skills and employment, affordable housing and crime and anti-social behaviour.

### HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS

The Association is an umbrella organisation supporting and lobbying on behalf of parish and town councils. Recent initiatives include training events to inform members of the impact of the Localism Act on neighbourhood planning.

### THE CHILTERN CONSERVATION BOARD

This is a Government Body responsible for protecting and enhancing the Chiltern Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. It manages every aspect of the environment in the AONB, and its Commons Network has recently made a successful bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund for funding for the Chilterns Commons Project which aims to reconnect local people to their commons and provide support and advice to those managing common land in the Chilterns.

### CHORLEYWOOD YOUTH CLUB

The Club attracts an increasing number of attendees. The premises have been improved with new window blinds and some redecoration and negotiations will begin for the new lease next year.

### CHORLEYWOOD TWINNING ASSOCIATION

The Association enjoyed a successful visit from French families from our twin town of Dardilly. Events included a visit to Chenies Manor and a Soiree. 2011 saw a full calendar of events. The French conversation group meets every 2 weeks. The Association is actively seeking new members, particularly families with children.

### THE CHILTERN OPEN AIR MUSEUM

The Museum celebrated its 30th anniversary this year and held a special Classic Car and Motor Cycle fund raiser to mark the occasion. The museum was used extensively by television companies during 2011 for productions such as Call the Midwives, Midsummer Murders and Downton Abbey. A £50,000 grant will be spent on children's play equipment. As well as the young volunteers who attend once a month, the Museum attracts corporate volunteering with employees engaged on team-building exercises.



Parish Council Precept 2011-12 £338,500  
Area 3.78 sq miles Electorate 9,192

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2011-12

Committee	2010/11 Actual	2011/12 Budget	2011/12 Revised	2011/12 Actual
Policy & Resources	£194,383	£211,345	£210,936	£198,172
Open Spaces	£93,731	£119,170	£116,563	£99,967
Chorleywood Village Halls	£-1,418	£0	£1,010	£-632

## COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2011-12

### PLANNING

Cllr Mrs J Worrall  
Cllr T Edwards  
Cllr M Green  
Cllr Miss P Howell  
Cllr G Liley  
Cllr S Watkins  
Cllr Mrs J White

### OPEN SPACES

Cllr T Edwards  
Cllr Mrs W Boatman  
Cllr Mrs M Jarrett  
Cllr Mrs V Lantree  
Cllr G Liley  
Cllr Mrs A Preedy  
Cllr Mrs J Worrall

### VILLAGE HALLS

Cllr S Watkins  
Cllr M Green  
Cllr Miss P Howell  
Cllr R Kipps  
Cllr Mrs V Lantree  
Cllr K Morris  
Cllr Mrs A Preedy

### POLICY & RESOURCES

Cllr Mrs L Sutherland  
Cllr T Edwards  
Cllr Mrs A Hayward  
Cllr Mrs M Jarrett  
Cllr R Khuroya  
Cllr Mrs V Lantree  
Cllr S Watkins  
Cllr Mrs J White  
Cllr Mrs J Worrall

\* Chairman of the Council Cllr Mrs L Sutherland and Vice Chairman Cllr R Khuroya are ex officio and sit on all committees.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

- Cllr Mrs Lyn Sutherland became Parish Chairman at the Annual Meeting and she is joined by Cllr R Khuroya as her Vice Chairman.
- The Parish Council often receive items of lost property that have been found on the Common, if you are unfortunate enough to loose an item, its always worth checking with the Parish Office.
- Three Rivers District Council will be launching their consultation into play equipment and suitable play areas within Chorleywood at this years Village Day to be held on the 14th July, 12 noon to 4 pm, organised by your Parish Council.
- The Chilterns Conservation Board is looking for local people who have grown up in Chorleywood and have used and enjoyed Chorleywood Common through the decades. They wish to interview parishioners who can share their experiences in view of creating an Oral History of Chorleywood Common. Anyone interested please contact the Parish Office on 01923 285594.

