



# Chorleywood Matters



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Michelle Putman	Administrative Officer
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Peter Monahan	Senior Parish Ranger
Chris Watts	Parish Ranger
Vacant	Assistant Parish Ranger
Mike Arnold	Caretaker
Derek Sears	Caretaker
Lynne Watts	Cleaner

<b>Households</b>	4361
<b>Area</b>	3.78 sq miles
<b>2009/10 precept</b>	£337,000

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## Annual Report 2008/09

NEWS & VIEWS FROM CHORLEYWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

# An Overview of the Annual Report for the year 2008-2009

**THE CHAIRMAN** paid tribute in her report to Malcolm Ellis who died in November 2008 and who had faithfully served the community of Chorleywood for many years. Sadly, Cllr Mrs Fay Caplin had to resign from the Council due to ill health and in her place we welcomed Cllr Mrs Alex Hayward.

The main focus of the Parish Council's work during the year has been the promotion of the Common as a Local Nature Reserve, the proposal to re-introduce grazing on the Common following a bequest which was conditional on its being used for this purpose, and the Cricket Club's proposals to move the square further away from the busy main road.

She also commented on the success of Village Day and explained why the original site could no longer be used, and the late night Shopping Fair, at which the Cup for the Best Dressed Window was again awarded to the Hospice Shop.

**THE OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE** has had a very busy year, particularly so as its Chairman also represents the Council on the Chilterns Conservation Board and the TRDC Environmental Forum.

We moved forward with the proposal to restore grazing to the Common as the best means to fulfil our legal obligations to maintain and enhance the biodiversity of the Common's grassland habitats. Aberdeen Angus cattle were taken onto the Common on 23rd April for a short trial period during which the public were invited to a "Meet the Cattle" day. The Council will now be seeking the views of parishioners.



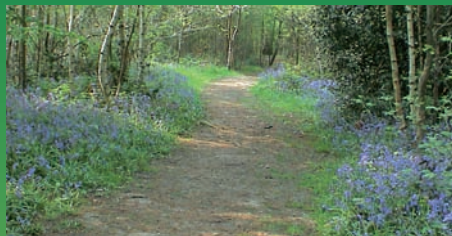
Edges of the Common at Clements Road and Common Road, which have been eroded by vehicles, have been kerbed by Herts Highways for which we have shared the cost.

Two dangerous beeches in Grove Wood have been felled on the advice of the TRDC Tree Preservation Officer.

Our Rangers have been busy clearing hawthorn scrub, coppicing the gorse, removing dead trees near footpaths, raising tree canopies to restore sight lines along some fairways and clearing self-sown sycamore on the steep bank on the bend of Common Road which should result in a return of gorse. They have maintained the Lawn Cemetery to a very high standard, maintained the paths on the allotments (where we have a full occupancy and a long waiting list), made minor repairs to gates and fences and renewed notice boards. We are pleased to have been able to completely refurbish the shed in the Lawn Cemetery to provide them with a rest room with proper toilet facilities and means of washing themselves, drying their clothing and heating simple meals.

## An Overview of the Annual Report for the year 2008-2009 cont'd.

The Chairman of Open Spaces represents the Hertfordshire parishes on **THE CHILTERN CONSERVATION BOARD**, a Government body made up of representatives from the county, district and parish councils in the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, who's job it is to conserve and enhance the quality of the AONB as part of our national landscape heritage. The Board is involved in almost everything that goes on in the Chilterns including chalk streams, chalk downland, farming and land use, special trees and woods, woodland management, school activities and learning, planning, commons and even brickmaking. Further information is available at



[www.chilternsaonb.org](http://www.chilternsaonb.org). Proposals to move flight paths low over the Chilterns scarp have now been withdrawn following representations by the Board and many other organisations.

We have also been represented by the Chairman of Open Spaces at the District Council's **ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM**. This is made up, amongst others, of representatives of TRDC, the five Parish Councils, Herts Biological Records Centre, the Countryside Management Service, the Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust, CPRE and Friends of the Earth. Its meetings provide a forum for the exchange of information between this wide variety of organisations concerned with the improvement and protection of the environment through the Herts Environmental Forum.

Due the complexities involved in the Cricket Club's proposals to move the playing area, the Open Spaces Committee appointed a **CRICKET CLUB SUBCOMMITTEE** comprising Council members and representatives of the cricket club. Once planning permission had been obtained this subcommittee was dissolved. All decisions concerning the project are now referred to full Council which has appointed a **CRICKET CLUB ADVISORY COMMITTEE** comprised solely of Parish Councillors.

**THE PLANNING COMMITTEE** has met on 17 occasions during the year to consider planning applications in the Parish. Two hundred and twenty two applications have been reviewed of which we objected to 46 and expressed concern in a further 44.

Applications for tree works as well as recommended replacements were also carefully reviewed to prevent a detrimental impact on the character of Chorleywood.

Details and plans of each application may be found in the Library, at the Planning Department at TRDC or at [www.threerivers.gov.uk](http://www.threerivers.gov.uk).

**THE VILLAGE HALL TRUST** has responsibility for the War Memorial Hall, Hollybush Hall and Bullsland Hall. The five year maintenance programme at the Memorial Hall has been progressed with replacement of five doors, redecoration of the kitchen and, in the Legion Hall, installation of double glazed doors and windows.

The Bullsland Hall continues to be used for the provision of "Meals on Wheels" and the WRVS dinner club during the week. At weekends the Church holds a service there.

The Halls are all part of our service to the community which we intend to maintain.

The Parish Council continues to have an elected member on the Executive Committee of the **HERTS ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS** which represents our tier of local government at all levels and provides legal and administrative advice.



Our **POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS**, whom we partially fund, are dealing with pockets of drinking, cannabis smoking, noise and graffiti but report that our area is "one of the best in Three Rivers". However, thefts of, and from vehicles, is a concern and vigilance is required. The PCSOs have a "Bright Spot" every Wednesday from 1400-1600 in the Library where all residents can raise issues.

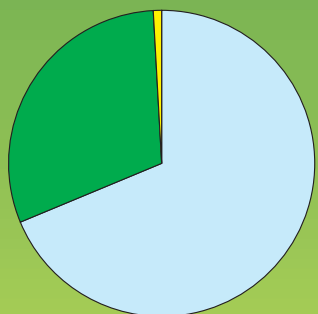
The Parish Council has representatives on many other organisations including the Chorleywood Common Youth Football Club, The Youth Club, The Twinning Association, the Library Users Group and The Citizens Advice Bureau.

The Annual Report would not be complete without the sincere thanks of all Councillors to the Clerk and her Office Staff, the Rangers, the Halls Caretakers and the Staff at Herts Biological Records Centre and Countryside Management Service who advise us. Without them all we could not function.

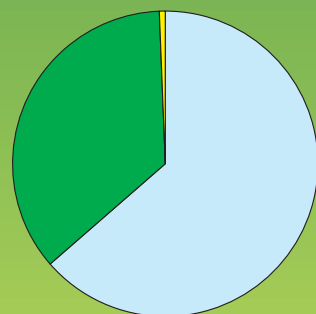
## CHORLEYWOOD PARISH COUNCIL FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2008/09

	2007/08 Actual	2008/09 Budget	2008/09 Revised	2008/09 Actual
Policy & Resources	£183,534	£195,335	£196,340	£187,842
Open Spaces	£81,161	£100,785	£100,255	£105,673
Chorleywood Village Halls	-£2,343	-£40	£545	-£1,843

2007/08 ACTUAL



2008/09 ACTUAL



■ Policy & Resources  
■ Open Spaces  
■ Chorleywood Village Halls

The full text of the Annual Report can be seen at the Parish Office, the Library or at the Council website at [www.chorleywood-pc.gov.uk](http://www.chorleywood-pc.gov.uk)

## CHORLEYWOOD PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2009/10

### PLANNING

**Cllr M Green**  
 Cllr Mrs A Hayward  
 Cllr R Kipps  
 Cllr Mrs S Stibbs  
 Cllr S Watkins

### OPEN SPACES

**Cllr Mrs M Jarrett**  
 Cllr N Eve  
 Cllr Mrs B Green  
 Cllr Mrs A Hayward  
 Cllr P Kemp  
 Cllr G Liley  
 Cllr S Watkins

### VILLAGE HALLS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

**Cllr R Kipps**  
 Cllr N Eve  
 Cllr G Liley  
 Cllr K Morris  
 Cllr Mrs P Mytom-Hart  
 Cllr Mrs L Smith  
 Cllr Mrs S Stibbs

### POLICY & RESOURCES

**Cllr Mrs J Worrall**  
 Cllr M Green  
 Cllr Mrs M Hampton  
 Cllr Mrs A Hayward  
 Cllr Mrs M Jarrett  
 Cllr R Kipps  
 Cllr K Morris  
 Cllr S Watkins

(NB The Chairman (Mrs J Worrall) and Vice-Chairman (T B A) of the Council are ex officio members of the above Committees)