



CHORLEYWOOD PARISH COUNCIL



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COUNCILLORS

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Wendy Boatman	Tony Edwards	Norman Eve	Max Green
Pat Howell	Margaret Jarrett	Raj Khiroya	Rodney Kipps
Vivien Lantree	Geoffrey Liley	Kenneth Morris	Alison Preedy
Lyn Sutherland	Steven Watkins	Jane White	Jackie Worrall

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Clerk to the Council Yvonne Merritt

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Area 3.78 sq miles

2011/12 Precept £338,500

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

CLLR. ALEX HAYWARD

It has been an honour and a privilege to serve as the Chairman of Chorleywood Parish Council during the municipal year 2011/21012.

During my period of office the Parish have faced many challenges and opportunities. These have included controversial issues of conservation grazing on the common and the proposal for a play area to be sited within the parish. The Parish Council have endeavoured to listen to the views expressed and will act to best serve the residents of Chorleywood Parish.

In addition we have continued our usual activities in caring for the common, allotments, village halls, cemetery and the continued funding of a PCSO within Chorleywood. We have also considered and commented on the many planning applications brought before the District Council and held our most successful Village Day yet.

We have also during the course of the year transferred responsibility for the Chorleywood Late Night Shopping Evening to the Chorleywood Business Association.

As Chairman of Council 2011 /2012 I have attended the following functions:

- 90th Anniversary Celebrations of the Royal British Legion
- Herts Association of Town and Parish Councils AGM
- Crime Reduction Meetings where Three Rivers District remains the safest place to live in Hertfordshire
- Chairman and Vice Chairman Training Day
- Chorleywood Parish Council Surgeries at Chorleywood Library
- Chairman's champagne and strawberry afternoon tea
- A visit to Hertford Town Council as guest to the Worshipful Mayor of Hertford
- Chorleywood Village Day
- Three Rivers District Council Chairman's Charity Evening
- Christchurch Community Weekend, the official Opening of The Junction
- Three Rivers Local Area Forum
- Chorleywood Service of Remembrance at Christchurch
- The Vice Chairman attended the Investiture of the New Curate at St Andrews Church
- Chairman's Charity Quiz Night which raised in excess of £8,000 the proceeds of which were shared between 23 local charities
- Chorleywood Christmas Festival

My thanks go to my fellow members, the Clerk and her Officers and Rangers, our County and District Councillors and most importantly to the Parishioners themselves. We are privileged to live in one of the most desirable communities in England and I wish the Parish Council continued success as it serves the people of Chorleywood Parish.

OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

CLLR. MARGARET JARRETT

Following a stunning display of wild flowers in the summer, the cattle were returned to the Common in September 2011. At the same time, the Council applied to the Planning Inspectorate under Section 38 of the Commons Act 2006 to retain the fencing in the woodland compartment. On account of concerns about the fencing raised in a petition by a small group of residents, the Inspectorate required the Council to hold a public enquiry. Since the cost of such an enquiry would have placed an extra burden on the local community at a time of financial restraint, the Committee decided to withdraw the application and remove the cattle and fencing, with a view to returning to the project in the New Year. The Committee felt that errors had been made, admittedly some caused by unforeseen circumstances, and also that we had not communicated our intentions clearly to residents. We hope we have learned from this and can avoid these mistakes in the future. The Council has re-affirmed its commitment to continuing grazing on the Common and the intention is to graze again in the autumn with temporary fencing only (excluding the legal permanent fencing on the Common boundary), and has set up a Working Party to look into what is now required in the way of infrastructure and to communicate with both objectors and supporters in order to move the project forward. The Council has now received two petitions and numerous letters from residents supporting grazing and the continued use of fencing. The Committee will be commissioning grassland, invertebrate and flora surveys for the grazing compartment, which includes all the three types of grassland habitats found on the Common. These will be taken on a regular basis and will enable us to evaluate the effect of grazing on the biodiversity of the area.

On advice from Natural England, the Committee have agreed to a new system of management for the Common ponds. The expert view is now that biodiversity is best served by having a group of ponds that are at different stages of succession, i.e. moving from bare, open water, through a gradual increase in vegetation and silt accumulation to overgrown and boggy, at which point the pond is cleared, restored to bare open water and the succession process starts again. The wildlife is able to move from one pond to another as the habitat changes. A silt sample taken from Christ Church has shown that the pond is being contaminated by road run-off from the A404 via an old drain. The Council is consulting with the Environment Agency as to the best method of clearing and disposing of the contaminated silt and work to deal with this and to block off the drain will take place in the autumn. The goldfish remain a problem in Darvell's pond (over a thousand have been removed so far).

The updated Common Management Plan has at last gone to print. This has been a time-consuming and frustrating project, dogged by computer programme complications, difficulties with changing maps and, at the last minute, the change in policy on pond management, which involved the re-writing of the whole pond section. It will be available both in printed form and as a download from the Council's website.

The Rangers have continued to maintain the Common, Grove Wood, the Allotments and the Lawn Cemetery to a high standard over the past year. While continuing regular grass cutting throughout the summer, they have also managed the grazing compartment and kept a watch on the cattle. Major winter work has been the clearing of trees and scrub around the Top Common Ponds to let in light and restore the grass.

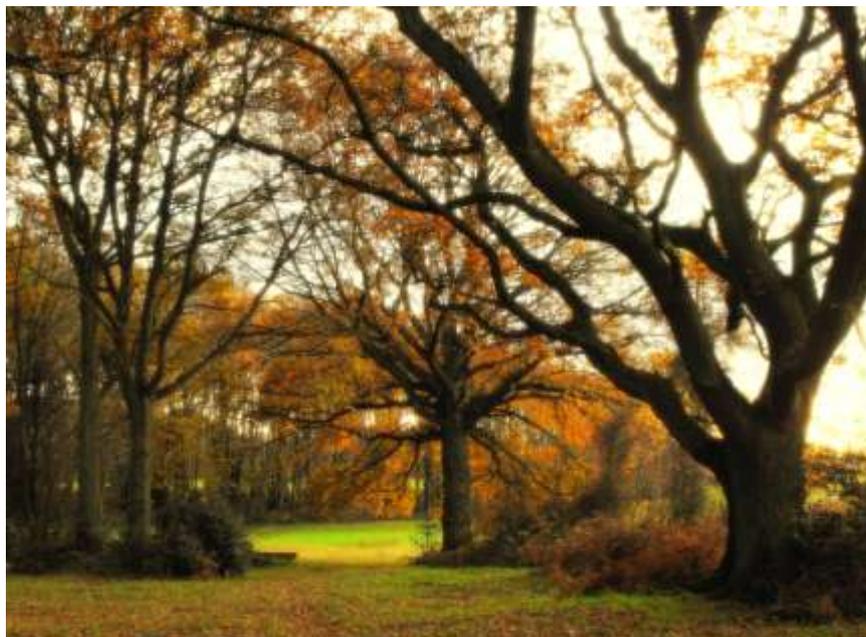
Trees blown down in winter gales have been cleared and the clearing of the may bushes has continued. Problems with an overactive mole population in the Cemetery continue and the molehills are regularly cleared to keep the cemetery in its usual immaculate condition and the soil used to top up graves.

With waiting lists still for all three allotment sites, work has continued to create extra plots. The Allotment Administrator continues to deal strictly with any uncultivated plots and all new tenancies are being granted for half plots only in order to reduce the waiting list as much as possible. However, capacity has now been reached and new plots will only become available as others are vacated. Standards of cultivation are high and the Council awards annual prizes for excellence which are presented by the Committee Chairman at the Horticultural Society's Autumn Show. The Committee meets with the Allotment Holders and the Common Users Group on a regular basis to discuss matters of mutual interest and exchange information.

In addition, the Rangers have each led many walks on the Common over the past year, ranging from the Brownies and Beavers and school groups, all enthusiastic to meet the cattle, to adult groups interested in the Common's wildlife and biodiversity. Leading on from this activity, the Committee has been working closely with the Village Halls Committee on a project to convert the under-used Hollybush Hall into a multi-use education facility for the use of school parties and other groups wishing to learn more about the Common and its wildlife.

Peter Monahan, our Senior Parish Ranger, reached retirement age at the beginning of April this year. When Peter joined the Council staff over twenty years ago the Common was managed merely as a recreation area and mowed closely six times a year. When the Council learned of the ecological importance of the Common and the need for more sensitive management, it was decided to employ our first Ranger. I was one of the panel which selected Peter and consider it the best decision the Council has ever taken. During Peter's time on the Common he has overseen changes which have restored the Common's biodiversity, revitalised the chalk meadow, opened up the woodland and brought back cattle grazing, and seen it become a County Heritage and Wildlife Site and a Local Nature Reserve, with countrywide recognition of its environmental importance. No one could have cared for the Common better or been such a remarkable interpreter of it to residents and visitors. Chorleywood and this Council owe him a great deal and we are happy to know that he will remain with us part-time for a few years yet, before taking full retirement.

Thanks are due to the Friends of Chorleywood Common for their support and volunteer work, to Bill Cattle for continuing to supply us with a list of the butterflies found on the Common each year, to Chorleywood Horticultural Society for judging the Best Allotment competition, to Chorleywood Residents' Association for their gift of two additional dog bins for the Common and to all staff and committee members for their help and support over the past year.



PLANNING COMMITTEE

CLLR. JACKIE WORRALL

At a national level Planning is seen as contributing to the problems experienced by Business in 2011 and its complexity a reason for poor economic growth. At a local level Three Rivers District Council and the Parish continue to ensure that when developers make changes, regard is given to residents views and any impact on an area is appropriate to its needs. The Local Development Framework has been formally adopted by TRDC and all the Parish Councils with in the District will be using this when commenting on planning. In November 2011 the Localism Act became law and this gave more powers to both Parish Councils where they exist and Neighbourhood Forums where they don't. Now in March 2012 the Government have introduced a Green Paper on the next stage, alterations to the Planning Appeals system. Members of The Parish Council are trying to understand these changes to their responsibilities with regard to Planning and will be working with TRDC to ensure that Chorleywood continues to be a pleasant vibrant community. Local Government has to consult its residents on all aspects of their community and if asked residents need to respond to ensure any change has majority approval.

In the calendar year 2011 there were some 267 planning applications reviewed by the Parish. Of these 198 were passed without objection although 41 were subsequently refused. Concern was expressed with regard to specific features of 65 others and again 50 were subsequently refused. We objected to 43 applications and asked for them to go before the TRDC Development Control Committee. Of these 13 of the applicants withdrew their plans often to revise and resubmit them. 14 of our objections have been upheld by the committee and refused whilst 16 have been overturned and accepted.

During 2011 many residents have used right to speak at our Committee meetings and with the growth of the use of e-mail more comments are being received to help the Parish Council in their deliberations. I would like to thank all of the people who used their right to speak and comment as it helps the Planning Committee understand the impact of a particular application. As Chairman I will continue to express your concerns at the TRDC Development Control meeting. 2012 is likely to see more change taking place, both locally and nationally. There is a continuing need for new homes and the infrastructure to support them in the area, and in particular affordable and sustainable homes. This means that the officers and Parish Councillors have to work together to protect Chorleywood whilst recognising that development is not always a bad thing. Our Community and the whole country is experiencing a period of change with increased pressure from Business and on the Green Belt the skill will be in managing the impact on the rural aspect of Chorleywood.



CHORLEYWOOD VILLAGE HALLS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

CLLR. RODNEY KIPPS

The Village Halls continue to support the Community with their various daily, weekly and monthly events. Unfortunately a few bookings have been cancelled both at the Bullsland Hall and the Memorial Hall. The Antiques Fair which has been held monthly for over 25 years no longer takes place. Tumble Tots which has also held it's sessions at the Memorial Hall no longer meets in the Hall.

The Annual Pantomime Christmas shows took place again. Income this year was boosted by the filming of a television pilot for the BBC which, if successful, could lead to further bookings. The Hall continues to be supported by our regular users which include The Carol Kristian Theatre and Dance School, 'Mums the Word' Keep Fit classes, Monthly Tea Dances run by Three Rivers District Council, National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Society (NADFAS), University of the Third Age (U3A), Indoor Bowls, Badminton, Adult Dance classes, Chorleywood Book Shop and Chorleywood Horticultural Shows.

The Committee have been looking into ways of making more use of the Hollybush Hall. This would also create the need for disabled access to those halls on the lower level of the Memorial Hall site, this investigation continues.

The Hall has had a lot of work carried out on the electrical system to up date the wiring. The Management Committee continue to service and update the facilities and we hope that the community will continue to use the halls for their events.

Thanks go to the Committee and the Parish Office Staff who continue to work on behalf of the Community of Chorleywood. As Chairman I wish to thank all for their support as this will be my last report for the Village Halls

PLAY AREA IN CHORLEYWOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

CLLR. STEVE WATKINS

Following an announcement by Three Rivers District Council that it was allocating £95,000 for improving play facilities in Chorleywood, the Parish Council formed an Advisory Committee to see where a play area might be accommodated.

The committee comprised two Parish Councillors, two representatives of Friends of the Common and one representative each from Chorleywood Residents' Association and Chorleywood Mums. Over a period of two months the Committee discussed all possible sites in the Parish and made site visits to three areas: Chorleywood Common, Chorleywood House Estate and the Swillett Play Ground. Pros and cons for each site were detailed and the Police were invited to give their opinion on any safety issues. As a result, a few areas on the Common were discounted on their recommendation. Following this groundwork, the Advisory Committee formulated a detailed and informative report of its findings, identifying the advantages and disadvantages for all possible sites in Chorleywood for formal and informal play opportunities and recommending an upgrade of the existing facilities at the Swillett.

This was submitted to the Open Spaces Committee of the Parish Council, who agreed to forward the report to Three Rivers Council. Any further action on this matter is now the responsibility of the District Council.

The Council is very grateful to all the members of the Advisory Committee for the work they have put in on this study.

REPORT OF THE CRICKET ON THE COMMON ADVISORY COMMITTEE

CLLR. NORMAN EVE

At the request of Chorleywood Cricket Club, a meeting of the Advisory Committee was called to hear the Club's preliminary thoughts on the replacement of their pavilion.

The Club explained that the present pavilion was in a state of disrepair and lacked sufficient space for present day requirements. Any new building would have to provide facilities for the disabled, male & female changing rooms and be capable of housing social activities. There would also be a need for additional protected storage space. The Club wished to explore the possibility of letting the new pavilion for community activity as it would otherwise be in use only for five months in the year.

It was suggested that there were four main areas which needed consideration at this meeting;- the new floor area, improved use of the facility, the lease and planning & building regulations.

The Council referred to a meeting in 2007 between the Club and the Head of Planning at TRDC when the Club was advised that any replacement building would need to be in the same footprint but that additional space may possible in the roof space. As the pavilion is in a conservation area and on green belt land, footprint, design, height, materials to be used, planning and building regulations are likely to be of great importance and the Club was advised to take up these matters with TRDC.

The Club advised that the proposed start date for the new pavilion was likely to be 2014/15, to be built in the same location as present and confirmed that there is no intention for the lime tree to be removed. Fund raising is being undertaken and it is likely that the ECB will grant fund part of the scheme to the extent of £100,000.

The Committee was sympathetic to the Cricket Club's needs and suggested that they talk to TRDC planning department to seek guidance on what might be allowed. Once this was known, the Council would be happy to discuss the proposal further and to give what help it can.



TRDC ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM

CLLR. MARGARET JARRETT

The Environmental Forum is made up of representatives of Three Rivers District Council, the five Parish Councils, wildlife and environmental organisations such as The Herts Biological Records Centre, the Countryside Management Service, the Herts. and Middlesex Wildlife Trust, and representatives of national and local environmental groups and residents' organisations.

Its aim is to raise awareness of the problems facing the environment and to work towards the delivery of national and County Biodiversity Action Plans. Its meetings also provide a forum for the exchange of information between a wide variety of organisations concerned with the improvement and protection of the environment and it is represented on the Herts. Environmental Forum. It also is responsible for the running of the Rickmansworth Canal Festival and Environment Fair every May. Members report on problems and on the progress of local initiatives in their areas and update the Forum on the work of their organisations, thereby making members of the District Council aware of the immense amount of work being put in by the Parishes and volunteer groups to protect the environment within Three Rivers.

Over the past year the Forum has received regular reports from the TRDC Environmental Officer on biodiversity initiatives in Three Rivers and the work of the Herts. Environmental Forum. We have also received presentations on the Croxley Rail Link, the Withy Beds, Maple Lodge Conservation Area, the decline in Honey Bees (Bees need weeds), West London Composting, and Stockers Lake Local Nature Reserve.

At the last meeting we had presentations on the Dacorum Local Food Initiative and the potential for a similar project in Three Rivers and the production of local apple juice and the progress of the Herts. Orchard Initiative, followed by an extensive exchange of information from various members of the Forum

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS

CLLR. VIVIEN LANTREE

HAPTC (Hertfordshire Association of Parish & Town Councils) Report – May 2011 to April 2012

I was elected as a representative on the HAPTC's Executive Board in June 2011. I was aware of the organisation, but unsure as to their role in our Community. I soon discovered that the HAPTC is an umbrella organisation that supports and lobbies on common issues on behalf of first tier local government bodies that are parish and town councils – a valuable service that unites and shares learning.

The HAPTC is a member-owned association acting as a sponsor organisation and representative body for the 102 parish and 12 town councils plus 10 parish meetings in Hertfordshire covering 403,000 electorate. It draws on local council's needs and responds in order to deliver a cohesive and consistent approach across the County.

Their Mission reads:

“Hertfordshire Association of Parish and Town Councils exists to unite and support Hertfordshire’s local councils by; providing them with strong representation, essential information, appropriate services and a strong and independent voice at county, regional and national levels.”

The key developments for this year are:

- Challenging the role and subscription fee increase request by NALC (National Association of Local Councils) – the outcome of this is still to be confirmed, and consideration is being given over whether HAPTC members will withdraw from the organisation altogether.
- “Plan Your Place” training events, in association with CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England), have been held across the County to inform members on the impact of the Neighbourhood Planning element of the Localism Act (the “Act”). The introduction of three new planning tools: Neighbourhood Development Plans, Neighbourhood Development Orders and the Community Right to Build under the Act has caused confusion and uncertainty as to how best to roll them out; the training provided has proved invaluable with guidance and support in how they can be applied.

THE CHILTERNNS CONSERVATION BOARD

CLLR. MARGARET JARRETT

The Chilterns Conservation Board is a Government body responsible for conserving and enhancing the Chiltern Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty as part of our national landscape heritage. It is made up of representatives from all the county, district and parish councils in the AONB and a number of members appointed by the Secretary of State. I represent the Hertfordshire parishes in the AONB.

The Board is involved in almost everything that goes on in the Chilterns, including planning and design, access, chalk streams, chalk down land, farming and land use, woodland management, school activities, common land, local produce and tourism. I attend several Board Meetings per year and am a member of the Board’s Planning Committee and the Commons Network Steering Group. It has an excellent website, www.chilternsaonb.org, where you can find out more. Like many other organisations, the Board is being hit by cuts to its budget, but the director, staff and Board members intend to maintain the level of its support for the AONB..

The main item of interest for this Parish Council this year has been the launch of the Chilterns Commons Project. Last year the Board’s Chilterns Commons Network applied to the Heritage Lottery Fund for a grant to support a dedicated officer to work with commons in the Chilterns. Members will recollect that this Council supported the bid by promising a financial contribution. The bid was successful, the officer, Rachel Sanderson, appointed, and the Commons Project was officially launched on a blazing hot day up on Totternhoe Knolls in the autumn. The Clerk, Ranger Chris Watts and myself attended.

The aim of the project is to re-connect local people to their commons by inspiring and enabling people to get involved in caring for and studying their commons. It is hoped that we can improve the conservation of our common land in the Chilterns both by practical work and by increasing people’s understanding of commons through a broad range of activities. Since January four training workshops have been held on the law and history of commons and how to prepare management plans. It was clear that there is a great demand for this training as all of these have been heavily oversubscribed and the excellent speakers were enthusiastically received.

As a result several new commons groups have joined the Chilterns Commons Network, which aims to act as a point of contact for people working to conserve and restore their commons, providing advice, support and information. The appointment of the Project Officer will enable this support to expand to benefit more commons in the Chilterns. Specific projects have been identified for major work on certain commons and other commons managers, including this Council, have received grant funding for projects on their commons.

Both the Board members and the staff team are deeply committed to and enthusiastic about their work and, in spite of the cuts to its budget, the Board has managed to continue to support its full range of activities. It has been an active, productive, interesting and exciting year's work.

LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BOARD

CLLR. JACKIE WORRALL

2011 has seen much change to the Local Strategic Partnerships throughout the county as funding from Central Government has been reduced. However the LSP for Three Rivers District Council is largely unchanged and the purpose of its members remains the same, to implement a vision for the area as a place which is safe, healthy and prosperous and where people want to live, work and visit.

During the year two major projects came to an end with the opening of both the refurbished Community Centre in Mill End and a building in South Oxhey, refitted for use by ASCEND and Herts MIND network. Information on use and take-up of the courses offered continues to be monitored to help insure that funds have been spent wisely and lessons are learnt for future projects.

For 2012 the priority continues to be helping deprived families and in particular those living in the three worst areas of deprivation in Three Rivers District Council.

- Children and Young People's wellbeing – by providing capital investment to support the provision of satellite facilities that range of services can use.
- Health and Disability – by developing projects and recognising the connections between unemployment, skills and education, mental wellbeing, housing conditions, crime and anti-social behaviour
- Adult Skills and Employment – by developing action plans to address the needs of adults with low skills, and facing worklessness
- Affordable Housing – by developing action plans to support those on low income and facing debt problems
- Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour – by developing initiatives targeted at areas of greatest need to further reduce crime and disorder in the district



CHORLEYWOOD YOUTH CLUB

CLLR. RAJ KHIROYA

The Chorleywood Youth Club is running well and making a steady progress on the number of attendees.

The Club has applied for discretionary council tax relief from TRDC in addition the subsidy they receive towards the rent paid for the premises. Due to the time TRDC have taken to renew the lease previously, it was agreed that negotiations for the new lease that expires in September 2013 would start between October and December 2012.

It has been suggested that members of the Club should celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. During the year a number of refurbishing projects were completed. New window blinds have been fitted; the back of the building has been painted and work on emergency lighting has been completed. No urgent items under the Health & Safety remain outstanding.

The Club's financial situation looks reasonably healthy

CHORLEYWOOD TWINNING ASSOCIATION

CLLR. WENDY BOATMAN

In April 2011 we received a visit from the French. The Association in Dardilly, the town with which we are twinned, has very keen participants - so much so that when it comes to receiving the French the Chorleywood Twinning Association (CTA) often struggle to find enough hosts. Nevertheless, all went according to plan with the visit – which included a trip to Chenies Manor and a Soiree.

The AGM followed on 13th June and kicked off a year of activity.

- 9th July – Chorleywood Village Day. A successful day for the CTA with great interest received at the stall, raising the Association's profile and seeing an increase in membership.
- 1st October – Raclette Evening. Sadly, due to other events taking place in the area that evening, the turnout was low in number. We decided to use the Youth Club to host the

event, which proved to be an excellent move. A great time was had by all with a £100.00 profit to boot.

- 1st December – Wine Tasting Evening. A good turnout of CTA members and friends sampling some nice French wines.
- 3rd March – Quiz Evening. Featuring good food, challenging questions, a lively atmosphere and with a profit of £500.00 an undeniable success.
- The French Conversation Group. A group of 17 meet every two weeks during term time to improve their conversational French.

The CTA is now into its fifteenth year; a great organisation which has a Committee that is passionate about keeping the exchange going. Looking ahead, the Committee has plans for a CTA website to ensure they are as accessible as possible and are encouraging local schools to participate in a pen pal scheme. The Committee has also put two Catering Colleges in touch and an exchange is set for Easter 2013. The CTA will be participating in the French Market being held in Chorleywood on 13th May.

The next twinning visit is from 7th – 11th April when the CTA will travel to Dardilly to experience the usual warm and generous welcome.

A lot of work goes into making events happen, like those detailed above, for which the Committee are owed a lot of thanks. A further thank you goes to Rodney Kipps for all his input as Chairman over the years. Rodney is standing down as Chairman of the CTA in May.

As ever, the CTA are looking for new members, particularly families with children of school age. The CTA will be hosting another visit from the people of Dardilly around next Easter-time and hosts are always needed. The notice-board in the Library, and the web-site, will give more details as they become available.

Committee: Rodney Kipps (Chairman), Pat Howell, Diana Whitney, Kathy Walton, Patricia Ellingham, Anne Sanders, Wendy Boatman (CWPC rep) and Vivien Lantree (CWPC rep).

CHILTERN OPEN AIR MUSEUM

CLLR. STEPHEN WATKINS

In the summer of 2011 the Museum celebrated its 30th anniversary. The event was marked by holding a special fund raiser in the form of a Classic Car and Motor Cycle Show attended by many local Councillors and Corporate sponsors. Eric Knowells from B.B.C.s Antiques Road Show, and who is a Museum Director, was also present. The Museum Board are keen to feature on either the Antiques Road Show or Country File to gain more exposure and make their presence known over a wider area.

Another event in October featured the restored threshing machine being put through its paces with wheat grown on the Museum's farm. Afternoon tea was served 1940's style, home made cakes and sandwiches, made with ingredients that would have been on ration during that period.

During 2011 the Museum was used extensively by television companies. Some of the productions were Call the Midwives (use of the Pre Fab), Midsummer Murders, Downton Abbey and Horrible Histories. Forthcoming events include Roman games, Viking/Saxon re-enactments, jousting and medieval plays.

The 1830's Haddenham cottage has been re-built. The next project is to furnish each room in a different period of its history, with one bedroom decorated in 1970's style . This was the final decade that the cottage was inhabited. Members of that family will advise on décor. Certain parts of the cottage will be left unfinished to show building methods and materials used.

A £50,000 grant from Landfill Tax will be spent on children's play equipment. This will provide four large items which are a Toll House, Anderson air raid shelter, Shepherds Caravan and a swing.

Continuing their close association with education, the Museum are now taking classes of nursery age children into the buildings and woodland for story telling. Older children are given back packs containing drawing equipment and books to identify plants , trees and wildlife on the nature trails.

Corporate volunteering continues with companies sending their employees on team building exercises. Young volunteers also attend one Saturday a month doing a variety of projects, depending on which is most urgent. The Museum open season has now been extended into the late autumn.

POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS

PCSO TANIA STABLER 6650
PCSO JAMES STOPFORD 6145

In terms of staffing Chorleywood have two full time Parish Officers, Tania Stabler and James Stopford.

There has been a slight increase in crime; however the majority of this increase can be related to two ongoing issues that have now been dealt with. There has been a decrease in theft from motor vehicle even with an ongoing situation with builders vans being broken into. We continue to give advice to builders when we see them whilst on patrols.

We saw an increase in Dwelling Burglaries last winter in the Chorleywood West area but patrols have been increased in the area which has reduced this number.

Our Online Watch Link(OWL) /Smartwater door knocking continues in the areas. In January, we attended the Loudwater estate to door knock on every house in regards to general home security and the OWL. Smartwater can be purchased for £20 and if anyone requires an order form they can obtain them from us or from the Three Rivers Neighbourhood Watch website at:

<http://www.threerivers.neighbourhoodwatch.org/>

The OWL is a communication tool that allows us to send messages to residents in Chorleywood informing them what is happening in the area and any suspicious people/vehicles to look out for.

We have recently seen a surge in suspicious phone calls to the elderly offering a refund from the government or a phone company. We have visited a handful of residents for reassurance/advice. We continue to refer these people to West Herts Against Crime (WHAC) who can offer home security and install additional security features for the elderly/vulnerable.

Anti social behaviour has seen a massive decrease over the year with ninety logs less than the previous year. There were previous ongoing issues at the corner of BERKS HILL and LOWER ROAD but we have only received two phone calls in six months regarding this spot. A three month tasking form was created in November 2011 which increased patrols in the area and helped to reduce the problem.

The youths continue to enjoy their youth club on a Thursday evening on the Chorleywood House grounds. However, we feel that the teenagers of Chorleywood have not got a lot of things to occupy their time.

In February 2012, we spotted a white van that had been seen stealing bicycles in the area during the previous week. We instantly called this through on the radio and with an additional phone call from an Online Watch Link member this vehicle was stopped on the M25 by units that had started to make their way to the area following our initial radio call up. Three persons were arrested and the van was seized.

Over the spring and summer of 2011 there were a handful of indecent exposures on the common. Thanks to the increased patrols during this time and the quick thinking of members of the public who were involved in one incident a male was identified and arrested for these. He is currently on police bail whilst further investigation takes place.

We have recently been given new powers. We can now issue tickets on vehicles for a variety of reasons including Unnecessary Obstruction and Failing to Exhibit a Tax Disc. We have only issued a couple of tickets in the short time we've had them but will continue to use them as and when it is applicable.

Two Bright Spots a month are still being held, one at the library and one at Rootz Café. This is an opportunity for members of the public to visit us to explain any issues they may be having in the area. We have started to implement the OWL system to send out reminders about these Bright Spots and have seen an increase because of this.



Chorleywood Parish Council

Income and Expenditure Account

31/03/11		31/03/12
£		£
	INCOME	
1,792.90	Allotments	2,565.70
17,894.63	Open Spaces - Other	2,690.00
338,500.00	Precept	338,500.00
42,461.03	Cemetery	46,635.83
1,000.00	Grants - General	0.00
12,428.80	Grants - Open Spaces	5,125.40
74.00	Sale of Parish Map	115.50
830.40	Trade Concessions/Wayleaves	831.75
2,479.82	War Memorial Hall VAT Refund	2,957.07
268.86	Interest on Investments	297.62
13,362.61	Miscellaneous	93,653.80
431,093.05	TOTAL INCOME	493,372.67
	EXPENDITURE	
21,589.55	General Administration	27,235.92
5,410.00	Chorleywood Matters	3,580.00
28,500.00	Community Police	28,500.00
0.00	S. 137 Payments	75.00
34,959.60	Capital Schemes	71,568.07
2,309.88	Allotments	1,568.85
4,931.97	Lawn Cemetery & Churchyard - Other	3,322.33
9,424.79	Open Spaces - Other	6,221.42
3,011.14	Health and Safety	1,629.78
4,899.91	Expenditure	4,290.00
3,014.74	War Memorial Hall VAT Payment	1,725.58
1,392.00	Audit	2,861.00
670.45	Chairman's Allowance	578.97
11,007.74	Insurance	12,153.96
0.00	Legal - General	1,000.00
225.00	Legal - Open Spaces	350.00
28,628.84	Maintenance - Open Spaces	25,459.06
14,239.27	Memorial Plaques	16,365.05
107,494.66	Salaries - General	107,617.88
101,065.28	Salaries - Open Spaces	102,010.60
11,666.00	Services - General	10,569.80
2,102.18	Subscriptions	2,194.08
16,158.00	Grants	15,008.00
412,701.00	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	445,885.35
134,112.04	Balance as at 01/04/11	152,504.09
431,093.05	Add Total Income	493,372.67
565,205.09		645,876.76
412,701.00	Deduct Total Expenditure	445,885.35
0.00	Stock Adjustment	0.00
0.00	Transfer to/ from reserves	0.00
152,504.09	Balance as at 31/03/12	199,991.41

CHORLEYWOOD VILLAGE HALLS TRUST

Income and Expenditure Account

31/03/11		31/03/12
£		£
	INCOME	
12,500.00	Grants - General	13,125.00
46,440.41	Hall Lettings	44,208.04
39.12	Interest on Investments	29.72
10.00	Miscellaneous Income	11.18
58,989.53	INCOME TOTAL	57,373.94
	EXPENDITURE	
333.00	Audit	351.00
1,874.44	General Administration	2,245.30
8,563.38	Hall Maintenance	7,073.22
2,000.64	Insurance	2,712.00
386.16	Miscellaneous Expenditure	310.55
36,969.42	Salaries - General	36,939.86
7,415.76	Services - General	6,065.27
57,542.80	EXPENDITURE TOTAL	55,697.20
4,355.39	Balance as at 01/04/11	5,772.62
58,989.53	Add Total Income	57,373.94
63,344.92		63,146.56
57,542.80	Deduct Total Expenditure	55,697.20
0.00	Stock Adjustment	0.00
-29.50	Transfer to/ from reserves	0.00
5,772.62	Balance as at 31/03/12	7,449.36

CHORLEYWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2011-2012

COMMITTEE	2010/11 Actual	2011/12 Budget	2011/12 Revised	2011/12 Actual
Policy & Resources	£194,383	£211,345	£210,935	£198,673
Open Spaces	£93,731	£119,170	£116,563	£99,655
Chorleywood Village Halls	-£1,418	0	-£1,010	-£1,657

COUNCILLOR'S ATTENDANCE RECORD

Councillor	Meetings Required to Attend	Meetings Attended	Additional Meetings Attended	Total Meetings Attended
W Boatman	15	13	2	15
T Edwards	20	20	2	22
N Eve	16	14	7	21
M Green	28	28	7	35
A Hayward	49	34	0	34
P Howell	28	23	1	24
M Jarrett	21	20	9	29
R Khiroya	28	18	0	18
R Kipps	19	18	6	24
V Lantree	22	17	1	18
G Liley	22	20	0	20
K Morris	13	9	0	9
A Preedy	27	25	0	25
L Sutherland	49	38	0	38
S Watkins	34	33	0	33
J White	28	21	0	21
J Worrall	37	37	4	41

