



Chorleywood Matters



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Chris Watts	Parish Ranger
Andrew Goddard	Assistant Parish Ranger
Mike Arnold	Caretaker
Derek Sears	Caretaker
Lynne Watts	Cleaner

Households	4323
Area	3.78 sq miles
2010/11 precept	£338,500

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Annual Report 2009/2010

NEWS & VIEWS FROM CHORLEYWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

An Overview of the Annual Report for the year 2009-2010

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL, introduced the Report by commenting on the success of the public consultation on the re-introduction of cattle on the Common, as a result of which cattle will be returning in the autumn. She went on to write about the successful Village Day in July and the Late Night Shopping evening in December and to pay tribute to the hard work of the members of the Policy & Resources Committee which had succeeded in keeping the precept at much the same level as last year with no loss of front line services. She ended her report by commenting on the various standards and protocols enforced on the Council by legislation and the Commons Act 2006, which came into force in 2008, following which the Council no longer has the ultimate say in the management of the Common but has to seek permission from DEFRA for major projects.

THE OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE has had a particularly busy year. It organised a "Meet the Cattle" day which was attended by more than 300 people. As a result of the overwhelming mandate from the questionnaire sent to every household in the Parish, the whole of Larks Meadow is to be grazed from early next autumn until the grass runs out. To facilitate this, temporary post and rail fencing will be set in strong metal sockets sunk into the grass but which will be capped when not in use. Fencing on the woodland sides will be set back into the trees to ensure that the cattle have shade when needed and water will be piped into drinking tanks. Kissing gates will allow public access into the grazing area. When the grazing is finished the fence sections will be removed and stored for use next year.

The prolonged hard winter has prevented the Rangers from carrying out much of the planned

tree work on the Common but they have cleared pockets of holly, scrub and undergrowth from around the ponds and Artichoke Dell to let in more light. Replanting of some of the previous rose beds in the Lawn Cemetery has also been delayed by the weather but will be underway soon. They have cut back overhanging trees at Dog Kennel Lane allotment site and are trying to provide additional allotment plots. The standard of cultivation on all sites is high.

Funding has been obtained from HCC for the replacement signage needed on our Public Rights of Way system. Once finger posts and directional signs have been completed, we will be able to produce a Rights of Way map and a Parish walks leaflet.

Following two safety surveys of the trees in Grove Wood, professional recommendations have been adopted but due to the lateness of the season, only trees reported as dangerous will be dealt with now and other recommended remedial work will be delayed until the autumn. The Council will keep residents informed of all work in progress.

Other topics reported include the update of the Management Plans for both the Common and Grove Wood. When these are complete they will be put out for public consultation. Work is to be undertaken to improve the surface of the permissive parking areas on the Common and discussions are taking place with a view to reversing the entrance and exit to improve sight lines and safety at the parking area opposite the Memorial Hall. During the year, two useful meetings have been held with the Common User's Group to integrate varying interests.

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The Village Halls Management Committee is a Trust funded by the Parish Council and is responsible for the management of the three halls: War Memorial Hall (including the Royal British Legion Hall), Hollybush Hall and Bullsland Hall. The War Memorial Hall continues to be busy with dance classes, many private parties including wedding receptions and also hosted the Christmas Pantomime which will again be appearing this year. Bullsland Hall is used extensively by the WRVS for Meals on Wheels and their Lunch Club and is now also used by SureStart sessions. Hollybush Hall is less used and the Committee is investigating ways to increase its utilisation.

The Planning Committee met on 16 occasions during the year – more frequently than any other Committee. It scrutinised and commented on 265 planning applications of which it objected to 50. The TRDC Development Control Committee approved 186 of the applications, 27 were refused, 28 were withdrawn and 24 await decision. Details of applications can be found in the Library, at the TRDC offices or at www.threerivers.gov.uk. Applications to lop, top or fell protected trees in the Parish are carefully reviewed to prevent detrimental impact on the character of Chorleywood.

The Committee commented on the district council's draft re-appraisal of the Chorleywood Common Conservation Area which was subsequently adopted by TRDC. Permission will now be needed to alter windows, chimneys, boundary treatments and/or any hard standing at any property in the Conservation Area.

The appraisal document can be viewed on the Three Rivers website at www.threerivers.gov.uk/Default.aspx/Web/Conservationareas.

The Cricket on the Common Advisory Committee has held meetings as necessary in which the Senior Parish Ranger, Representatives of the Cricket Club, the Countryside Management Service and Herts Biological Records Office have taken part. Following these meetings, full Council has approved Committee recommendations that permission to fell the lime tree should not be considered until the new square is ready for use and that agreement in principle, but subject to conditions, should be given to the Cricket Club to fell an area of trees adjacent to the practise nets to enable the translocation of threatened acid grass to this area.

Our Police Community Support Officers report that we are one of the safer areas in the district with house burglaries reducing by 11 a year although other burglaries from garden sheds etc. have increased by nine. Our PCSOs have been visiting five houses a day to undertake security surveys and offer advice. Car Crime remains at relatively high levels but has not increased on last year. However, antisocial behaviour has shown an increase in recent months. The PCSOs continually work with local groups, youth clubs, church youth groups and local schools and attend fetes and functions to build trust and respect. They regularly visit all the care and nursing homes in Chorleywood and local luncheon clubs to see and get to know elderly residents. You can speak to PCSO Tania Stabler 6650, Gareth Williams 6038 or Steve Jacob 6523 to discuss any issues you may have. See <http://www.herts.police.uk> for dates.

The Herts Association of Town & Parish Councils (HAPTIC) is attended by one of our Councillors. It's function is to protect and promote the interest, rights, functions and privileges of member councils, to support members in the performance of their duties and to promote and develop the social, cultural and recreational life of their area.

The Chilterns Conservation Board is charged with conserving and enhancing the quality of the AONB as part of our national landscape heritage and is involved in almost everything that goes on in the Chilterns from chalk streams, trees and woods, woodland management to planning and school activities. It also makes grants from which Chorleywood has benefited. It is deeply concerned at present with the proposed route for the high-speed rail project. One of our members is a member of the Board, the Board's Planning Committee and the Commons Network Steering Committee and represents the Hertfordshire parishes in the AONB. The Board has an excellent web site at www.chilternsaonb.org

TRDC Environmental Forum consists of representatives of Three Rivers District Council, all five parish councils in the district, HBRC, CMS and the Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust. Over the past year, the Forum has received reports or presentations on subjects such as Sustainable Policy, Woodland Management, Preservation of Historic Buildings, the Chorleywood Common Conservation Area and the Herts Orchard initiative.

Chorleywood Youth Club continues to be popular and there are long term plans to extend the age groups catered for but more voluntary help is needed to achieve this.

Chorleywood Twinning Association held a cheese and wine event in May and a raclette evening in October. During April 16 adult members visited Dardilly to renew friendships.

Chiltern Open Air Museums 2009 season went well with an 11% increase in visitors. The historic buildings and site were enhanced with the construction of a new lambing fold funded by the Chilterns Conservation Board. Many other projects of restoration or building are ongoing. The Museum was delighted to have won a national competition run by Audio Antenna with an audio tour of some of the buildings. The Museum won 15 handsets and software so they will be able to offer these to visitors free of charge in 2010.

CHORLEYWOOD PARISH COUNCIL FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2009/2010

	2008/09 Actual	2009/10 Budget	2009/10 Revised	2009/10 Actual
Policy & Resources	£187,842	£196,045	£200,930	£187,386
Open Spaces	£105,673	£116,530	£114,825	£106,548
Chorleywood Village Halls	-£843	£655	£2,170	£1,541



The full text of the Annual Report can be seen at the Parish Office, the Library or on the Council website at www.chorleywood-pc.gov.uk

CHORLEYWOOD PARISH COUNCIL NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2010/11

PLANNING

Cllr Mrs J Worrall
Cllr M Green
Cllr Miss P Howell
Cllr R Khuroya
Cllr Mrs V Lantree
Cllr G Liley
Cllr Mrs J White

OPEN SPACES

Cllr Mrs M Jarrett
Cllr Mrs W Boatman
Cllr T Edwards
Cllr N Eve
Cllr G Liley
Cllr Mrs A Preedy
Cllr S Watkins

VILLAGE HALLS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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Cllr Miss P Howell
Cllr K Morris
Cllr Mrs A Preedy
Cllr Mrs L Sutherland
Cllr S Watkins

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Cllr Mrs M Jarrett
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Cllr S Watkins
Cllr Mrs J Worrall

The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council are ex officio members of all committees