



AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT for year ended 31st March 2010

Kate Down, Chairman of the Parish Council says ...

This is my first Annual report as chairman of Audlem Parish Council. I took over the Chair from Richard Furber in May 2009, and would like to record my thanks to him, other members of the Parish Council, Jean White and John Kemble for their support and advice during my first year in office.

It has been a very busy year for the Parish Council

A new playground facility for 6-12 year olds has been provided with the aid of funding of £17k from the late Crewe and Nantwich Borough Council and £11,400 from WREN. The facility was officially opened by the Mayor of Crewe and Nantwich, Cllr Margaret Simon on an extremely cold day in January.

With the aid of our LAP Public Transport Committee, the bus service from Audlem to Market Drayton has now been reinstated on Wednesdays.

The A525 has at last been officially confirmed as deprimed and so Sat Nav updates and new maps will show this. Our next move is to try to get a weight limit put on the road to stop all heavy traffic coming through the village except, of course, for access.

Audlem was once again named as "Best Kept Village" in its category in the Community Pride competition – for the fourth year in succession!

Our Annual Village Meeting followed the same format as last year, with a successful cheese and wine evening on March 10th. Displays were set up by several local organisations and there were promotional activities from the local uniformed groups. It also proved a very useful evening for informal discussions with Parish Councillors.

Outside the Shroppie Fly, I attended the 'Cressy Cruise' celebrations of the centenary of the birth of Tom Rolt, who had visited Audlem on a pre-war canal trip and who wrote a book which inspired the restoration of the navigable canals.

We now have nine fully trained first responders in the village and NWAS have provided four defibrillators at various locations around Audlem .

We have been very active and continue to look for a piece of land suitable for use as allotments. Currently, we do have some plots to consider but no decisions have been made so far.

A new working group has been formed to investigate opportunities for providing a lunch facility at Thornton House. The current facility is threatened by closure by Age Concern in the near future, and all concerned are anxious for this facility to continue.

Finally, we welcomed David Rowe as a new Parish Councillor in March and we are also pleased to have a new notice board for all to see in the centre of the village.

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

2008/09

<u>Income</u>	£
Brought forward	14,091
Crewe & Nantwich BC	30,611
Other income	<u>3,345</u>

Total income 48,047

Expenditure

Staff	5,376
Newsletters/flyers	1,184
Insurance	926
Audit	368
Donations	5,425
Running costs	637
Projects etc	<u>13,058</u>

Total expenditure 26,974

Carried forward 21,073

The carry forward figure included ring-fenced funds in surplus of £1,550.

2009/10

<u>Income</u>	£
Brought forward	21,073
Cheshire East Council	29,448
Other income	<u>22,575</u>

Total income 73,096

Expenditure

Staff	5,716
Newsletters	1,193
Insurance	1,000
Audit	350
Donations	10,396
Burial Committee	1,232
Repairs, cleaning etc	3,640
Admin, subs	1,714
Projects etc	22,932
VAT	<u>4,720</u>

Total expenditure 52,893

Carried forward 20,203

VAT claimed after 01/04/2010.
Income/expenditure both high by reason of Borough Council grant for children's playground (£17000)

Your Parish Councillors are:

Kate Down (Chair)	811160	Bill Consterdine (Vice Chair)	811647
Philip Bradbury-Smith	811021	Frances Christie	811340
Mike Hill	811843	Richard Furber	811598
Peter Morgan	811575	Pam Seddon	811282
Andrew Smith	811969	Geoff Stretch	811011
Irene Stockton	811828	David Rowe	812294

Parish Council meetings take place in St James's School, Heathfield Road, commencing at 7.30 pm on the first Monday of every month, excluding August.

Your Parish Clerk is Mrs Jean White – telephone 01948 871383
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