

Using the annual precept (unchanged at £23,065) the Parish Council aims to maintain and improve both the local environment and quality of life for residents, whilst promoting and supporting Audlem's business community. The following is a brief summary of the accounts for 2004/05 (excluding VAT):

<u>Income</u>	£
Brought forward	7,403
Precept	23,065
CNBC contribution towards street cleaning	1,030
Rents	540
VE/VJ Day	5,300
Parish Plan	2,348
Other	<u>7,385</u>
Total	47,071

<u>Expenditure</u>	
Salaries	2,794
Administration (audit, insurance, printing etc.)	2,352
Donations to local organisations	6,001
Projects	1,104
Audlem Burial Committee	2,817
Public Hall	4,498
Village cleaning & repairs	1,927
Cheshire Community Council (Parish Plan)	2,348
Other	<u>7,277</u>
Sub total	31,118
Funds committed but not yet drawn	<u>8,126</u>
Total	39,244

Total anticipated income for the coming year, including monies brought forward, is £33,549 and expenditure of £28,180 is planned. This includes contributions totalling £13,575 to support local organizations and events during this special year when we will be commemorating VE/VJ Day. An allocation of £4,500 has been made for the Public Hall and funds of £3,000 have been put aside to finance special projects to improve street lighting, children's play facilities and tourist attractions.

AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT 2004/05



On 9th May, Mike Hill retired to the "back benches" after serving as Parish Council Chairman since May 2001. Thanks are due to Mike for his energy, commitment and especially for the time he has devoted to his work in the parish over the past four years. In looking back on his final 12 months as Chair, Mike reports -

This year has not been without its problems. However, progress in a number of important areas has been made.

Canal Yard Development When this development first came before the Parish Council for consideration, it was immediately obvious that the whole village had to be involved and consulted. This procedure has been adhered to and the plans were rejected by Crewe & Nantwich Borough Council on 4th May 2005. Everyone should be aware that the developer will resubmit new or modified plans, and the Parish Council will follow the same procedure as previously.

Village Plan The steering committee was eventually formed and it must be said that all the members are doing a fantastic job. Sub committees have also been formed from volunteers coming forward at public meetings. The survey of residents' opinions has been carried out and the committee is now taking account of all your views. It is hoped that the plan will

be ready for October 2005. Already there are some exciting ideas emerging which will make our village a much nicer place to live in and be proud of, whilst attracting more visitors.

Village Web Site This has emerged from the village plan and, rather than wait, the Parish Council and the Steering Committee have pressed ahead with the design. Previews have shown it to be very user friendly and it will be a superb shop window for the village and all its events.

Quality Council Status The last 12 months have seen the Parish Council meet the conditions for a successful application. We now need to put all the paperwork/forms/material together over the next few months and submit to the appropriate offices.

Community Action Team Audlem was selected by the Home Office to take part in trials of this scheme. It got off to a good start and attendance by the public has been tremendous. In fact, Audlem has the highest attendance record in the whole of Cheshire. Although the reorganization of the Constabulary has caused some hiccups we now have our own designated Constable and we look forward to the continued success of this scheme.

Precept Expenditure throughout the year was controlled within all the budgets set and all the members of the Council are to be congratulated on their efforts. The apparent increase in Parish precept indicated within information supplied by Crewe & Nantwich Borough Council (included with Community Tax bills) was due to a decrease in the number of Band D properties within the village. This number of houses is used to calculate the precept.

Richard Furber, the new Parish Council Chairman, is looking forward to the coming months and completion of several projects started earlier this year. These include the reprinting of the Parish Footpaths Map, installation of picnic benches at the edge of the playing field and at Churchfields, and provision of cycle stands near St James's Church.

Meetings of the Parish Council take place on the first Monday of every month, commencing at 7.30 pm in St James's School. There is an opportunity for residents to speak about particular concerns, if they wish, at the beginning of each meeting and everyone is welcome to stay and listen for the rest of the meeting.

Your Parish Councillors are:

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Frances Christie	811340
Bill Consterdine	811647
Mike Hill	811843
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