

**AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL  
ANNUAL REPORT  
for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009**

*Richard Furber, outgoing Chairman of the Parish Council says ...*

This is my last Annual Report as my period in office as Chairman of Audlem Parish Council has ended. I would like to record my grateful thanks to the members of the Parish Council, Jean White and John Kemble for the support they have given me over the last four years. Kate Down is your new Chairman and I am sure you will join with me in wishing her well.

Some of the highlights of this busy year were:

Completion of "**First Responder**" training by four residents, and more volunteers came forward to undergo training. Thanks go to Mike Hill for his efforts in obtaining sponsorship etc. and to those in training and trained.

At last the Highways Committee voted in January for the **A525** to be de-primed, a measure which should in time reduce the volume of heavy traffic trundling through the village.

A grant of £17k has been awarded by Crewe & Nantwich Borough Council for new equipment and improvements to the **children's playground**. We are applying to WREN for top-up funding to complete the work we have planned.

We tried a new style and timing for the **Annual Village Meeting** which was held on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Our Cheese and Wine evening was attended by more than one hundred people who took the opportunity to have informal discussions with parish councillors and representatives of various organisations who had set up displays.

The opening of **The Weaver Way** and launch of the **Floating Gardens Festival** with a horse-drawn boat took place in June 2008, an event I was privileged to attend. Among the guests were the Chairman of Cheshire County Council and the Mayor and Mayoress of Crewe & Nantwich.

I attended the awards evening of the **Community Pride Competition** on 25<sup>th</sup> September when Audlem was presented with a Special Award in

recognition of its excellent performance over the past three years.

The **Village Design Statement** was presented on 18<sup>th</sup> October at a very interesting display which was attended by around one hundred and fifty people. Well done to the planning group who produced it.

A public meeting was held in January when **DAHLIA Allotments Association** was formed. There is a lot of interest from prospective allotment-holders and a suitable site is being sought.

**"The Audlem Parish Cluster"** has been formed by Inspector Bob Hassall of the Nantwich Policing Unit. Representatives of the various parish councils now meet quarterly to discuss local policing matters.

At the Parish Council AGM in May 2008 we welcomed a **new parish councillor, Philip Bradbury-Smith.**

There are two areas where the Parish Council has not been able to make as much progress as we had hoped. Proposals for a **Youth Parish Council** have been put on hold, owing to a lack of support from the young people of the village. Also, as **ambulance response times** are still unsatisfactory, the Parish Council continues to press for changes and improvements.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

2007/08

<u>Income</u>	£
Brought forward	8,042
Crewe & Nantwich BC	29,249
Other income	<u>10,746</u>
Total income	48,037

<u>Expenditure</u>	
Staff	4,828
Running costs	4,672
Newsletters/flyers	1,148
Insurance	885
Audit	363
Donations	5,775
Projects etc	<u>16,275</u>
Total expenditure	33,946
Amount carried forward	14,091

The carry forward figure includes ring-fenced funds in surplus of £3,020.

2008/09

<u>Income</u>	£
Brought forward	14,091
Crewe & Nantwich BC	30,611
Other income	<u>3,345</u>
Total income	48,047

<u>Expenditure</u>	
Staff	5,376
Running costs	637
Newsletters/flyers	1,184
Insurance	926
Audit	368
Donations	5,425
Projects etc	<u>13,058</u>
Total expenditure	26,974
Amount carried forward	21,073

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

Your Parish Councillors are:

Kate Down - Chairman 811843	811160	Mike Hill – Vice Chairman
Philip Bradbury-Smith 811340	811021	Frances Christie
Bill Consterdine 811598	811647	Richard Furber
Norman Huntbach 811575	812768	Peter Morgan
Pam Seddon 811969	811282	Andrew Smith
Geoff Stretch 811828	811011	Irene Stockton

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

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