

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Using the annual precept, the Parish Council aims to maintain and improve both the local environment and quality of life for local residents, whilst promoting and supporting Audlem's business community. The following is a brief summary of the accounts for 2006/07:

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<u>Income</u>	
Brought forward	6,858
Precept	23,065
Other income	<u>12,079</u>
	42,002
<u>Expenditure</u>	
Staff costs	4,058
Running costs (admin, street cleaning, grass cutting, meeting rooms etc)	5,730
Newsletters, flyers	1,112
Insurance	863
Audit	350
Public Hall	1,500
Audlem Burial Committee	2,674
Donations to local organisations	12,174
Miscellaneous - tourism, fireworks, etc	<u>6,260</u>
	34,721

The amount carried forward includes ring fenced funds of £5,550.

Total anticipated income for the coming year is £27,801 and expenditure amounting to £25,358 is planned.

## AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2006/07

### **Richard Furber, Parish Council Chairman says ...**

Firstly I would like to thank the Parish Councillors and the clerk, Jean White, for the support they have given me in the past twelve months. It makes the Chairman's role so much easier with such enthusiastic support.

Following the retirement of Paul Huntbach, Peter Morgan was co-opted onto Audlem Parish Council. A silver salver was presented to Paul in recognition of his loyal service.

### **Community Pride Competition**

On 28<sup>th</sup> September Parish Council representatives went along to the prize giving at Tatton Park, and were delighted to be presented with the "Best Kept Village" award. We have entered this competition again in two categories: "Best Kept Village" and "Best Village Newsletter". Particular thanks to Margaret Roberts and the team for producing such a lively and informative newsletter. We were also delighted to be 'Highly Commended' in the "Best of the Best" competition which followed on from the Calor "Village of the Year" competition.

**Shops** We welcome the opening of the Animal Food Store in the centre of the village, and the re-opening of the Mill Shop on the canal wharf. Best wishes to all new proprietors in their ventures - please support and use all local businesses. We are hoping that the Post Office is spared from closure.

**Village Plan:** As many of you are aware, the Parish Council is negotiating to acquire land in Audlem Vale, one of the most popular walks in the area. The District Valuer has been involved and an offer has been made for the land. We await events. Efforts continue to secure funding for a Sport Hall and Leisure Centre. The website, audlem.org, continues to be a mine of information, with the vote poll creating a lot of interesting results.

**The Parish Council** requested the Borough Council to update the children's playground and renew play equipment, and also to refurbish the public toilets in the car park. I am delighted to see that these request have been addressed. We also supported our local **fire fighters**, helping them to retain the fire engine, rather than it being replaced with a 'tactical response vehicle' which would have been unable to reach the top of a three-storey house.

The **Public Hall** continues to be improved. It has been redecorated both inside and out, windows have been replaced and a new 'state of the art' kitchen installed. Thanks to Geoff, Olive and the committee. Thanks also to all local organisers and volunteers who, as usual, worked hard put on so many successful events throughout the year.

**Ambulance response times:** Following complaints about response times the Ambulance service attended a CAT meeting in February. Our MP, Stephen O'Brien helped to organise and attended a public meeting with Ambulance officials in Audlem Public Hall in June.

**Village Policing** Please support PC Ken Maple in his efforts for the village, especially with your attendance at the CAT meetings when you can have a say in how the village is policed.

**Youth Parish Council:** The Parish Council is working to form a Youth Parish Council here in Audlem. Progress has been slow but we had a useful meeting with five young residents who showed some interest, and we are now progressing this initiative with support from Brine Leas School.

**Allotments:** The Parish Council received a request for allotments but there is no land available and unfortunately we have been unable to proceed.

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Meetings of the Parish Council take place on the first Monday of the 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:

Richard Furber - Chairman	811598
Kate Down (Vice Chairman)	811160
Frances Christie	811340
Bill Consterdine	811647
Mike Hill	811843
Norman Huntbach	812768
Ken Jones	811532
Pam Seddon	811282
Andrew Smith	811969
Irene Stockton	811828
Geoff Stretch	811011
Peter Morgan	811575

**Your Parish Clerk is Mrs Jean White - telephone 01948 871383 - e mail parish council@audlem.org**