

## **AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL**

## ANNUAL REPORT for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> 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		1	
2008/09		2009/10	
Income	£	Income	£
Brought forward	14,091	Brought forward	21,073
Crewe & Nantwich BC	30,611	Cheshire East Council	29,448
Other income	3,345	Other income	<u>22,575</u>
Total income	48,047	Total income	73,096
Expenditure		Expenditure	
Staff	5 <b>,</b> 376	Staff	5 <b>,</b> 716
Newsletters/flyers	1,184	Newsletters	1,193
Insurance	926	Insurance	1,000
Audit	368	Audit	350
Donations	5,425	Donations	10,396
Running costs	637	Burial Committee	1,232
Projects etc	<u>13,058</u>	Repairs, cleaning etc	3,640
		Admin, subs	1,714
Total expenditure	26,974	Projects etc	22,932
		VAT	4,720
Carried forward	21,073	Total expenditure	52,893
The carry forward figure included ring-fenced funds in surplus of		Carried forward	20,203
£1,550.	119140 01	VAT claimed after 01/04/	2010.
		Income/expenditure both	high by
		reason of Borough Counci	l grant
		for children's playgroun	d
		(£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 e mail parishcouncil@audlem.org