

Rustington

Parish Council Newsletter

Chairman's Message

As I write this final message of my first year as Chairman, it is the day before the General Election. Having listened to all the talk and promises of the past four weeks it makes me very glad, and I must say proud, that Rustington Parish Council is Non-Political.

At last, Spring seems to have arrived, although still chilly! Apart from the gas works in the centre of the Village, which have had both an impact on trade and the usual clean tidy appearance of the Village, I must comment on the Spring Flower Displays which still look wonderful. The first of the fund raising events for this year's In Bloom entry, "The Race Night" was a sell out and a great success enjoyed by all who attended.

Look out for more events over the next few weeks! My thanks go to all who regularly contribute to make these events such great successes.

I hope, like me, you are enjoying visiting The Garden Café, that will soon have the added attraction of the "Community Garden" which has been progressing well over the past few weeks. Both the Café and Museum continue to be very well supported by both locals and visitors to Rustington, with changing Exhibitions making visits varied for young and old alike.

Please support the Carnival on Saturday 19 June when, hopefully, the weather will be kind and enable us all to enjoy a great day.



Councillor Sue Lines

I have really enjoyed my year; it has been a pleasure to represent the people of Rustington, meeting some wonderful people from the immediate area and also from neighbouring Towns and Villages.

Village Gardens Competition



The judging for this annual event will take place during the week commencing 28 June.

There are six categories with cash prizes, and/ or trophies and shields awarded to the winner and runner-up in each category.

So please nominate either yourselves, your friends' or neighbours' gardens, to ensure a record number of entries this year.

The closing date for the receipt of Nomination Forms is 23 June. The Awards will be presented at the Reception following the Council's Annual Civic Thanksgiving Service on 19 September.

A copy of the Nomination Form is enclosed with this issue.



Rustington-In-Bloom

The judging date for the South and South East in Bloom Competition has been set for Thursday 15 July from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm.

The In-Bloom Campaign is moving along swiftly, with everyone involved anxious to maintain the extremely high standard set last year, when the Village was declared 'Champion of Champions' in the Competition.

The judging route has now been agreed, with only a final few amendments to be made, and the roads to be visited by the judges will include:-

Ash Lane, Broadmark Lane, Chatsworth Drive, Chaucer Avenue, Claigmar Road, Cowdray Drive, Cudlow Garden, Georgian Gardens, Harsfold Road, Holmes Lane, Manor Road (Conbar Avenue Allotment Site), North Lane, Old Manor Road, Sea Lane, Sea Road, Seafield Road, Station Road, The Street, Windsor Drive, Woodlands Avenue and Worthing Road.



New projects to 'wow' the judges will include the Community Partnership Garden at the rear of the Museum and all that it offers for everyone in the local community, the refurbished and improved Chaucery Memorial in

Chaucer Avenue, and the first of three newly designed and planted flower beds on a piece of land currently maintained by the District Council in Holmes Lane at its junction with Milton Avenue.

The Committee has, this year, held a Design-A-Flower Bed Competition for all members of the 1st Rustington Scout Group, and the winner and



runner-up entries have been selected, with the winning design being used for the aforementioned flower bed. It is hoped that both the Girl Guides and Village Pre-Schools will participate in a similar

competition in future years for the enhancement of the remaining two neglected flower beds.

The Committee's fund-raising efforts are proving to be most successful this year, with the Horse Race Night, which was held on Saturday 6 March, raising in excess of £1,200.00. The final figure in respect of the funds raised at the Plant Sale held on Saturday 29 May is currently awaited, but is looking good! Details of the final event in aid of this year's Campaign are as follows:

Friday 18 June - Film Night
Village Memorial Hall, The Woodlands Centre, Woodlands Avenue
Time: 7.00 pm - Tickets £5.00
(Available from the Council Offices, Village Information Centre and Rustington Museum)

Once again, the Committee is hopeful that all parishioners will participate in some small way, whether it be by ensuring the streets are free from litter and other debris, by making that little bit more of an effort with their front gardens, or simply by attending the Film Night. Any support will be most appreciated.

Rustington Museum

During the past few extremely cold months, the Museum has remained buoyant with people visiting from Rustington and much further afield to enjoy the displays.

An in-house Easter Egg Competition was recently held, which proved very popular with the children. This was coupled with the provision of an Easter Activities Desk, where children were invited to make Easter Cards for friends and family. The Museum personnel are looking forward to the Summer when more competitions will be held.

The current Exhibition, which commenced on 7 May (VE Day), honours and celebrates the Guinea Pigs (World War II disfigured airmen) and is proving to be very successful.

So please do pay the Museum a visit if you possibly can, where it is hoped you will find something of interest for all ages.

The Garden Café

Q: How can The Garden Café improve?

A: With the development of a Community Garden



The serene oasis of The Garden Café at the rear of the Museum has excelled even further with the completion of the Rustington Community Partnership Garden. This has been completed courtesy of funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund, and this quiet haven, with a water feature, exotic planting and seating areas, provides yet another community facility in the Village for all to enjoy. This now compliments the unique vegetarian Garden Café, boasting homemade savoury dishes, cakes and much more.

So, the next time you are in the centre of the Village come and give us a try. We are open Tuesday to Saturday, 10.00 am - 4.00 pm. We look forward to seeing you.

Diane Tyler - Manager

Rustington Community Partnership

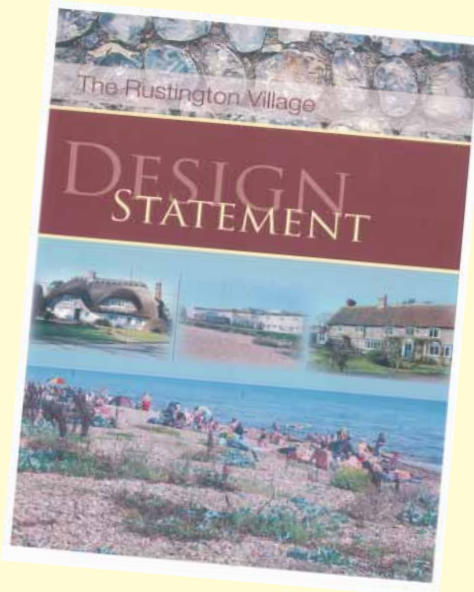
The members of the Rustington Community Partnership, and especially the Management Committee, are getting really excited. The reason for this excitement is that the Partnership's first two major projects provided for the benefit of Rustington residents are about to reach their conclusions.

Firstly, the Village Design Statement is now with the printers, and copies of the document will be available from the end of May. This document was the first major item to be identified when the Rustington Action Plan was completed in February 2008.

After forming a Management Committee, the Partnership set about writing a Constitution and a Memorandum of Understanding, which was approved by the Parish Council, and provided a footing on which it could apply for lottery grants.

After a lengthy application, the Partnership eventually obtained a grant of £8,900.00 from Awards For All (Big Lottery Fund) and was able to appoint a Consultant to prepare the document. After many months of work, and following the results of a questionnaire which was delivered to every household, the Consultant was able to write the first of five drafts. Each stage of the document was agreed between the Committee and the Conservation Officer at the Arun District Council.

The final document is split into twelve character areas and includes approximately fifty photographs. The document will be adopted by the Arun District Council and will become part of the planning criteria for any planning applications within the Parish of Rustington, which should help to assure our Parishioners that only sympathetic new builds or alterations are permitted.



The second major project to be completed is the Community Garden at the rear of Rustington Museum. This project has been achieved after a two stage grant application of over £20,000.00 being awarded by Community Spaces Groundwork UK (Big Lottery Fund), following many hours of volunteer work, initially by Julie Armstrong, and subsequently by Don Rogers as Project Manager.

The work being carried out by the appointed Contractor, Design Landscapes, is progressing really well and when the commemorative water feature is installed the Partnership is sure the Village will enjoy the benefits of this beautiful quiet area in which to relax and enjoy the surroundings. There will be level paving for wheelchair access, pergolas with climbing plants and commemorative seating below, a raised bed and a sensory plant area. The garden has been designed to be available to all members of the community, including those who are disabled. It will be maintained by volunteers from local organisations and the three Primary Schools.

Tree Planting - Public Highway

Following on from the last Newsletter, the Council is still anxious to extend its previous scheme on the Woodlands Recreation Ground to include the planting of donated trees on the Public Highway, in partnership with West Sussex County Council.

As previously advised, the cost per individual tree will be £100.00, to cover the purchase and planting of a good quality tree, a stake, support and mulch/soil dressing. The watering arrangements will be the responsibility of the Parish Council, with the anticipated assistance of adjacent residents. All planted trees will be included in the County Council's 'Young Tree Maintenance Programme', whereby they will receive an annual visit for the first three years of establishment, when stakes/ties can be adjusted, and formative pruning carried out with mulch being re-applied.

Commemorative plaques are not permitted, as these can prove to be hazardous when grass verge cutting is being undertaken by the County Council's Contractors.

If you are interested in donating a tree for planting on the Public Highway within the Parish of Rustington, please contact the Council Offices for further information.



Parishioners' Award

Two Parishioners' Awards can be made by the Council each year, one to an Individual and one to a Group/Organisation - in recognition of outstanding Public Service to the Community.

All Rustington parishioners or parish-based Organisations (including voluntary Groups and Professionals) are eligible to receive these Awards.

Individuals, Groups and Organisations from outside of the Parish, who make an outstanding contribution for the benefit of the community of Rustington, may also be considered for these Awards.

Details of this year's Winners will appear in the next Newsletter and the Presentations will be made at the Reception following the Council's Annual Civic Thanksgiving Service on 19 September.

Allotments Competition

The Council's Allotments Committee will, this year, judge the three Allotment sites (at Penfold Lane, Worthing Road and Conbar Avenue) on 5 July.

Trophies and cheques are awarded to the winners at each site and, are presented at the Reception following the Council's Annual Civic Thanksgiving Service on 19 September.



Rustington Festival - 13-27 June

This year's Rustington Festival, organised by Littlehampton District Lions Club, will again run for a two week period from Sunday 13 June to Saturday 26 June, with Carnival Day on Saturday 19 June.

Events taking place during the Festival include:-

Sunday 13 June - Festival French Market in The Street from 9.00 am to 4.30 pm.

Friday 18 June - Film Night organised by Rustington In-Bloom in the Village Memorial Hall at The Woodlands Centre at 7.00 pm.

Saturday 19 June - Carnival Day & Grand Fete, with the Carnival Procession leaving Holmes Lane at 1.00 pm and arriving at the North Field on the Woodlands Recreation Ground for the Fete from 2.00 pm to 4.30 pm.

Sunday 20 June - Annual Short Mat Bowls Tournament organised by Rustington Short Mat Bowls Club in the Village Memorial Hall at The Woodlands Centre from 10.00 am to 4.30 pm.

Sunday 20 June - Village Praise organised by Churches Together. The Service at the Methodist Church at 5.30 pm will be preceded by a Picnic Tea in the Church Garden or, if wet, inside the Church.

Sunday 20 June - Festival Quiz Night organised by Rustington Twinning Association in The Village Memorial Hall at 7.15 pm. Teams of six are welcome - entry £2.50 per person.

Saturday 26 June - Rose & Sweet Pea Show organised by Rustington Horticultural Society at The Woodlands Centre from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm.

Although the Carnival Procession will be slightly smaller this year, due to East Preston holding their Carnival on the same day, it is hoped that all your favourite entries will still be participating, including Mod Mums Coffee Club, Arundel & Littlehampton District Scout Band, Southern Starlights Pom Pom Troupe, Silk Road Belly Dancers, Princess Marina House, Rustington Primary Schools and The Lorna Benson School of Dance.

The Arena Event will have a distinct "doggy theme" about it, as the Ferring Dog Agility Club will be performing its exciting Display in the Arena. Other events will include the Lorna Benson School of Dance Display, the Southern Starlights Pom Pom Troupe Display and the Arundel & Littlehampton District Scout Band's Marching Display.

There will be all the usual stalls around the field, including the Lions Beer & Refreshment Tent, Ice Creams, Bouncy Castles and a Static Display & Workshop by the ever popular Littlehampton Academy Steel Band.

Please come and enjoy the fun whilst helping the Lions raise a lot of money towards Sophie Walker's operation in America and Chestnut Tree House.

For further information please contact:-

Carnival Procession	- Austen Beard (01903) 782366
Fete Stalls	- Don Rogers (01903) 772691

Request Corner...

From time to time requests are received from local Charitable Organisations for the Council to publicise their services.

Here are two we have recently received:

Voice of Progress

Voice of Progress is a local Charity which distributes free audio-tapes and CDs for the visually impaired in the Littlehampton area, which obviously includes Rustington.

Each fortnightly issue comprises of approximately forty minutes of local news, and a similar length general interest magazine.

If you, or anyone you know, might benefit from a local talking newspaper, please contact:

Voice of Progress, Rustington Hall,
Station Road, Rustington BN16 3AY
Telephone: (01903) 776569
Email: n.myer@btopenworld.com

There is no obligation - just cancel if the service is not for you.

Sofas & Stuff

Sofas & Stuff recycle and repair furniture and white goods, which they sell on to people in need. They are based in Littlehampton, but are proud to provide a service to the residents of Rustington. The furniture and white goods are collected and delivered free of charge.

As well as providing a much needed service for people in need, the service also assists the environment. Through these efforts, items are able to be used again, instead of being sent off to landfill sites.

So, if you have any items of furniture or white goods that you no longer require, please contact Sofas & Stuff on (01903) 714812, where Louise and Emily will be delighted to hear from you, and will make the necessary arrangements for them to be collected at a time that is convenient to you.

Rustington Youth Centre

The Youth Centre is open for youth/children's activities as follows:-

Tuesday	5.30 pm - 7.00 pm - Amateur Wrestling Club (Under 12's)
	7.15 pm - 9.00 pm - Amateur Wrestling Club
Wednesday	5.30 pm - 7.00 pm - Young People with Learning Difficulties' Club
	7.30 pm - 9.00 pm - Girls Only Club (Fitness/Sports)
Thursday	7.00 pm - 9.00 pm - Senior Youth Club (14-17 yrs olds)
Friday	5.30 pm - 7.15 pm - Under 9's Club
	7.30 pm - 9.00 pm - Under 13's Club

If you would like more information in respect of facilities for hire, or any of the Clubs using the Centre, please contact the Council's Offices.



Village Information Centre

The Village Information Centre in Churchill Car Park is open Monday to Saturday from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm.



There is a wide range of information available and members of the Council's personnel are on hand to assist in any way that they can.

Councillors' Surgeries

The Council holds its Bi-monthly Surgeries to give members of the local community the opportunity to meet with a Councillor to air their views in respect of the way in which the Parish is managed, maintained and enhanced, and to raise any other issues of interest or concern.

The Surgeries are held at the Village Information Centre from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm.

Details regarding dates of future Surgeries will be advertised on the Parish Notice Boards around the Village and on the Council's Website.

Police 'Drop-in' Surgeries

The Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's) will be holding Drop-In Surgeries at the Village Information Centre from 11.00 am - 12.00 noon as follows:-

Thurs 17 June - Hannah Pearson
Tues 22 June - Elliott Hartley

Details regarding dates of future Surgeries are displayed on the Parish Notice Boards around the Village and on the Council's Website.

Citizens' Advice Bureau

The Council provides a facility at the Village Information Centre for the Citizens' Advice Bureau to visit on a Tuesday morning. Appointments must be made in advance through the Arun & Chichester Citizens' Advice Bureau on (01903) 725960.

Blood Donor Sessions

Regular Donor Sessions are held at the Village Memorial Hall and posters are displayed on Council Notice Boards. Please come along and support this worthwhile cause.



The Woodlands Centre and Rustington Youth Centre

(Woodlands Recreational Ground, Woodlands Avenue)

Rustington's community leisure facilities provide excellent venues for Birthday or Anniversary Parties, Wedding Receptions, Seminars, Training Courses, Meetings and many other functions.

For further information, please contact Rustington Parish Council on 01903 786420 or email: enquiry@rustingtonpc.org



Annual Report from the Chairman of the Council

- Councillor Sue Lines

This is the first part of the Council's Annual Report, which I hope will give those of you who are not familiar with the workings of the Council and, also, those of you who are, a fairly good insight into the way in which the Council works, its responsibilities, and its duties to the electorate of Rustington.

Before we move on to the individual Committee Reports, I must mention the Museum and Garden Café. A major project for this Council over the past few years which has been a terrific achievement and success, officially opening in March 2009.

Both the Museum and Café have been very well received and supported during their first year. The Visitors' Book in the Museum is, indeed, a joy to read!

Everyone is now eagerly awaiting the construction of the Community Garden at the rear of the Museum and Café. Thanks and many congratulations to the Community Partnership who were successful in obtaining funding of £20,400 through the National Lottery to make this possible.

Finance and General Purposes

My personal appreciation goes to Councillor Graham Tyler, in his capacity as Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Once again this year, it has been increasingly difficult to achieve what we set out to do within the set Budget. I am very proud and privileged to say this has been achieved by the continuing hard work of both the Committee, Carole Ward, the Clerk, and Caroline, who over the past year has worked tirelessly to set up a new Accounting system.

Lighting and Amenities

Councillor Tim Field continues to do very good work as Chairman of the Lighting and Amenities Committee. This important Committee works diligently to ensure that all areas in and around the Village are carefully maintained, enhanced and improved upon, to ensure that the appearance is not only pleasing to the Community, but also presents a warm welcome to the many people that visit Rustington during the year.

The Committee's responsibilities include the Public Toilets, Public Seats, Notice Boards, Street Maps, Beach and Bus Shelters, some Street Lighting, Grass Cutting and the Maintenance of all of the Floral Displays, Lamp Post Baskets and Trees in the Village Centre, plus any other associated functions.

Many of you will be aware of the outstanding success by the Village in the South and South East in Bloom

Competition in 2009, when Rustington was declared the Champion of Champions.

A Silver Gilt Award was also received in the most prestigious Britain in Bloom Competition. Such great achievements!

This Committee works alongside the In- Bloom Committee and Ferring Nurseries, helping to maintain an extremely high standard, not only in the Village Centre but in many other areas which the Council and Committee hopes to continue to expand upon.

I must also mention the Committee's efforts in maintaining responsibility for the Christmas Lighting and, in partnership with the Chamber of Trade and Commerce and the Littlehampton District Lions, for the very successful 'rain free' Shopping Event on 28 November 2009.

Leisure and Recreation

Councillor Graham Tyler continues to Chair the Leisure and Recreation Committee.

The Youth Centre, continues with Membership encouraging - an integral part of the community run by an independent Management Committee overseeing the general management of the Centre.

The Woodlands Centre is a hive of activity most days of the week, providing a good place for a variety of Groups and Associations to meet, together with private hiring available.

The Woodland Park Sports Field continues to be an excellent venue for many young people who enjoy playing football at weekends but, sadly, the Pavilion has been demolished, due to safety reasons. The Committee is investigating the possibility of extending the current Lease for the land, with the County Council, which would enable the Clubs to apply for funding for the provision of new Changing Rooms and Toilets.

On a much brighter note, we are currently awaiting delivery of two items of disabled friendly play equipment which will provide social inclusion for all in the already very popular, Woodlands Play Area. The Council has been lucky enough to obtain grant funding for this equipment, and is hopeful that the aged slide will also be able to be replaced this year.

Planning

The Planning Committee continues to be chaired by Councillor Bob Grevett. The Council is a Statutory Consultee, and is, therefore, consulted on all Planning Applications within the Parish by both the Arun District Council, as the Local Planning Authority and, in certain cases, the West Sussex County

Council. Objections can only be made using criteria which complies with Planning Regulations, and any affected neighbouring properties are notified if the Committee feels this is appropriate. This Committee has a difficult, and sometimes controversial role, which it undertakes in a most professional way.

Allotments

Councillor Christine Broomfield has this year taken over as Chairman of the Allotments Committee. This Committee is responsible for the operation of the Council's three Allotment Sites, namely Penfold Lane, Conbar Avenue and Jubilee Avenue, housing approximately 130 plots. The Committee works with representatives from the Horticultural Association, to ensure that all allotment plots are properly cultivated and maintained in good order at all times. There continues to be an extensive waiting list for allotments with an increasing number of people wanting to grow their own produce.

Emergency Planning

Although the Emergency Planning Committee does not meet on a regular basis, the most important role of this Committee is to ensure that procedures are in place for the efficient and effective provision of The Woodlands Centre as a possible Rest Centre in the event of an emergency within the Parish; and also to make the necessary arrangements to assist the District Council, as the Emergency Co-ordinator for the Arun District, where possible should a state of emergency be declared at any time. My thanks go to Councillor Andy Cooper, who is currently working on producing a local Emergency Plan for the Parish.

The Council is also represented on a large number of external Bodies. Whilst all Members of the Council attend Council Meetings and some Committee Meetings, certain Members volunteer to represent the Council on these external Bodies.

Finally, I would like to thank Carole Ward the Clerk, without whom this Council would not have the wonderful reputation that it has throughout Sussex. My thanks also go to Elaine Lamb who has been such a support to me and who I know Carole could not do without. Thanks must also go to all of the Council Personnel who are such a super team.

My year as Chairman of this Council is coming to an end and has been most enjoyable. I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for their support and especially my Vice-Chairman, Aman Akbar. I have met a great number of very interesting people, both from this and neighbouring communities, but I'm sure you will agree Rustington "does it best".

Annual Report from the Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee - *Councillor Graham Tyler*

As I near the end of my third year of Office as Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, it gives me great pleasure to again be able to provide the second part of the Annual Report in respect of the Council's financial position.

During the past financial year, the major items of expenditure have included:-

- Redecoration - Village Memorial Hall
- Maintenance and Operational Costs - The Woodlands Centre and Grounds
- Replacement Kitchen Cooker Hob
- Digital Projector
- Picnic Table - Woodlands Play Area
- Repainting - Kickabout Area
- Major Path and Car Park Lighting Column Repairs
- Consultants and Legal Fees - Sports and Social Club Rent Review
- Repairs and General Maintenance Costs - Woodland Park Sportsfield
- Replacement of one Bus Shelter and Refurbishment of Shelter in The Street
- Replacement of two Public Seats
- Replacement of Bicycle Racks
- £5,000.00 contribution towards Christmas Lighting Scheme
- Security Costs
- The Village Information Centre - Operational Costs
- The Youth Centre - Operational Costs
- Loan Servicing Costs
- Design, Planting and Maintenance of Floral Displays and Hard Landscaping Areas throughout the Village
- Ongoing maintenance of the four Public Toilets Units
- Grant Aid - Groups and Organisations
- Computer Server Upgrade, Accounts, Anti Virus and Archiving Software
- Annual Audit Fee
- Insurance Provision in respect of all Properties, Equipment and Public Liability
- Production and Delivery of Quarterly Newsletters
- Operational and Maintenance Costs - the Museum and Garden Café
- General Maintenance and Upkeep of Allotment Sites

Everything I have mentioned, together with all other expenditure, has again been borne within the confines of the 2009/2010 Budget set.

Turning now to this financial year. The Council has set its 2010/2011 Precept at £564,000.00 which equates to a £88.74 annual charge on a Band D property. This represents an increase of only 36p on the previous year's charge.

The Council's plans for the forthcoming year, by Committee, include the following:-

Allotments

Subsequent to the Committee's rolling programme of improvements over the

past few years, in respect of new fencing and gates at all of the sites, there are no major expenditure items planned during the next financial year.

Leisure and Recreation

The major areas of expenditure for this Committee in respect of the external facilities, continue to be the maintenance of, and improvements to, both the Woodlands Centre Grounds and the Woodland Park Sportsfield. The Committee also funds the net expenditure costs of the Youth Centre.

It is also planned to replace some items of grounds machinery, namely the aged Cricket Table Mower and Wessex Mower.

Internally, the major item of expenditure continues to be the general day to day maintenance costs incurred at The Woodlands Centre. Provision has again been made for some redecoration works throughout the Centre, together with the purchase of new, and the replacement of existing, items of equipment.

Lighting and Amenities

This year's major items of expenditure will include the replacement of a Bus Shelter in Station Road; the maintenance of the amenity areas throughout the Village by Ferring Nurseries; the maintenance and cleansing of the four Public Toilet units; the Christmas Lighting Scheme contribution and the ongoing maintenance and supply of certain Street Lighting Columns in private roads around the Village.

The Committee is also hoping to be able to replace the next tranche of the cycle racks around the Village, which are supplied free of charge by the West Sussex County Council.

Finance and General Purposes

The major items of expenditure will include the majority of the annual insurance premium; all of the Council's administrative and related costs; grant aid for local groups and organisations; the production and circulation costs of the quarterly newsletters; the Council's annual community events; the running costs of the Village Information Centre; the loan servicing costs, together with most of the security costs.

The estimated operational costs for the Museum and The Garden Café account for a significant amount of expenditure and, in the main, will be incurred in the management and operation of the Museum itself.

The Museum continues to be a most popular community facility, with over 7,500 visitors through its doors in the first year. There have been several exhibitions and displays that have been

most interesting. At the present time, the Sussex Pastfinders Exhibition, The Old Cottage Toys Exhibition of Dolls made in Rustington, and the 'Peter Pan in Rustington' Photographic Exhibition are all on display. The Curator is currently on maternity leave, but I know that she is already planning some exciting displays for when she returns to work in the Summer.

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Council, to express my thanks and appreciation to the Heritage Association and all of the Volunteers, for their assistance at the Museum.

Turning now, specifically, to the rear section of the Garden. I am delighted to be able to report that Contractors, acting on behalf of the Rustington Community Partnership, are currently in the process of constructing a wonderful Community Garden, following a successful lottery grant application. It is anticipated that this will be completed and officially opened in June 2010, providing yet another leisure facility for the Village. Congratulations to the Community Partnership for this outstanding success.

As many of you will be aware, the Museum Project continues to be very close to my heart, and I am absolutely delighted that it is continuing to be such a resounding success with the local community and visitors alike.

I hope you will all agree, from the information I have given you, that the Council continues to offer good 'value for money' for its Parishioners, whilst at the same time ensuring that the Village is a most pleasant, attractive, and vibrant, place to live.

In concluding my Report, I would like to thank all of my fellow Councillors and, in particular, the Members of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, for their unceasing support and commitment to the objectives of the Council.

I am sure that the Council will continue to have to make difficult decisions in the future, but I can assure you that it will approach these with the economic climate at the forefront of its deliberations. It will always operate to provide a service for the benefit of the local community, whilst striving to maintain and improve the Village and all of the community facilities it provides.

I would also like to thank all Members of the Council's Personnel, who definitely provide the 'backbone' of the Council. In particular, I would like to thank Caroline Harris who has carried out her duties in respect of the Council's Accounting System in a most professional and effective manner.

Meetings

Parish Council Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month (apart from August and December) commencing at 7.15 pm in the Roger Montgomeri Room, The Woodlands Centre, Woodlands Avenue (via Council Offices' entrance). All members of the public are welcome to attend these Meetings and time is set aside before each Council and Committee Meeting commences (7.00 pm) to give members of the public an opportunity to pose questions. A copy of the Agenda for each Meeting is displayed at the Public Library and on Notice Boards around the Village and on the Council's Website.

Council and Committee Meeting Dates June - September 2010

Mon 7 June	Planning
Thur 10 June	Lighting & Amenities
Mon 21 June	Planning
Mon 28 June	Finance & General Purposes
Mon 28 June	COUNCIL
Mon 28 June	Planning
Mon 5 July	Planning
Thur 15 July	Leisure & Recreation
Mon 26 July	Finance & General Purposes
Mon 26 July	COUNCIL
Mon 26 July	Planning
Mon 2 Aug	Planning
Mon 23 Aug	Finance & General Purposes
Mon 23 Aug	Planning
Mon 6 Sept	Planning
Mon 13 Sept	Planning
Mon 27 Sept	Finance & General Purposes
Mon 27 Sept	COUNCIL
Mon 27 Sept	Planning



Estimated Net Expenditure Years Ending 31 March 2010 and 31 March 2011

		2009/2010 Revised Estimate	2010/2011 Estimate
Leisure & Recreation Committee	External Facilities		
	Expenditure	90,789.00	100,780.00
	Income	15,603.00	15,750.00
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	Internal Facilities		
	Expenditure	51,014.00	54,500.00
	Income	44,602.00	46,105.00
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		6,412.00	8,395.00
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Lighting & Amenities Committee	Expenditure	109,014.00	101,350.00
	Income	22,951.00	14,700.00
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Finance & General Purposes Committee	Expenditure	369,931.00	395,570.00
	Income	290.00	700.00
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Emergency Planning Committee	Expenditure	15.00	15.00
	Income	—	—
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Allotments Committee	Expenditure	3,615.00	4,400.00
	Income	3,572.00	3,500.00
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Totals		537,360.00	575,860.00

Your Councillors

East Ward

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