

Annual Report 2010

This has been my third year as Chairman. I sincerely thank all our Parish Councillors for their support during the year and I think Alconbury has a very proactive Council. I also thank our County and District Councillors who are always very willing to help us in any way they can. I feel we all work very well as a team.

I was sorry to accept the resignation from Roger Sale and Lynne Hathaway who did not re-stand in the elections this year, but I am pleased to welcome Gordon Barnes and Tom Boyce who take their place. I was also extremely sorry to accept the resignation of our Clerk, Sue Lancey who had been a very valued member of our team for seven years and had worked tirelessly to ensure the smooth running of the Parish Council. I thank her on behalf of the whole Parish Council for her hard work and continuous dedication. The Parish Council now welcomes her replacement, Jo Sharp.

There have been several important new initiatives during the last financial year. The Parish Council was successful in finding land for allotments and we had a fantastic opening day on 6th March, arranged by the Alconbury Allotment & Garden Association (AAGA). We thank Sonny and Jill Ayres for leasing the land and members of AAGA for their hard work and dedication in making the allotments a success. We are also grateful to Unwin Seeds who freely gave their products to the new plot holders and supported the Allotment committee by giving much free advice. We have had great success with the enhancement of Bramble End playground. The project has just been completed and we had a lovely grand opening afternoon on 16th May. We are extremely grateful to Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd (WREN) and HDC for their help in funding this project as well as Paul Watson and Paula Williams for their hard work in securing the funding and getting the playground up and running. The Parish Council has also managed to get a Community Orchard planted near the Sports and Social Club. There is a fantastic combination of fruit trees and hedging which are sponsored by local residents. This would not have been successful without the hard work of Sue Lancey our former Clerk.

The Youth Group continues to thrive and is fully supported by the Parish Council and I thank everyone who gives their time and effort to this very worthwhile venture. We have continued to publish the bi-monthly Newsletter as we feel it is very important to keep the community as up to date as possible with Parish Council activities. The Parish Council continues to financially support various groups and has donated £700 to associations and causes within Alconbury. We were also very pleased to see the reopening of the Truckstop.

I hope my final year in office will be as successful as the previous three as I think Alconbury is very fortunate to have a team of people who are so willing and able to donate their time voluntarily to their community and I am very grateful for their support.

David Senior - Chairman