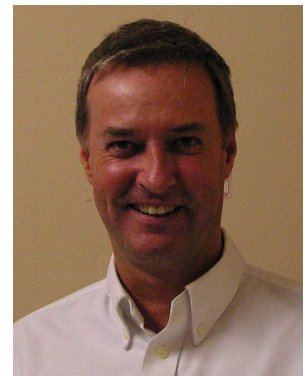


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## Report from the Chairman Alan Harvey



During the year we have worked towards improvements to the village which have been requested by residents, making positive improvements to life in Ramsden Bellhouse. The forthcoming installation of an excellent range of new play equipment and safety surface in the park, the new bus shelters and dog waste bin have been welcomed by local residents and pets alike.

The continuance of private security for the village enables us to enjoy specifically tailored security patrols to address residents' concerns at a cost lower than community policing yet with a higher degree of control by the Parish Council.

Speeding traffic continues to be a key concern amongst residents, particularly those in Church Road. The traffic calming scheme remains incomplete with the missing island now seeming more enigmatic than the island in the TV series "Lost". However, the Parish Council continues to

press the County Council Highways team for completion of the scheme because several speed related accidents have occurred at the Northern end of the village which may have been prevented had this final island been in place.

The Community Speedwatch team have been active throughout the year and have met with a mixture of support from local residents and abuse from those that prefer to consider Church Road as a race track. I would like to personally thank fellow Councillors and Residents for volunteering to operate the community speed watch gun in all weathers. It is certainly an effective deterrent and will become more so as the Police introduce their follow up scheme for "repeat offenders" in the coming weeks. Despite the success of the islands and of Speedwatch, inconsiderate drivers remain a key concern of residents and so the Parish Council continues to evaluate new ways to tackle speeding through our village.

The Parish taxi voucher scheme helps those residents who have more limited mobility than the rest of us. This service, funded through the Parish Council taxes, continues to provide an important service that is deeply appreciated by those who have need of it. On behalf of these people I would like to thank all the residents of Ramsden Bellhouse for their continued support of this scheme.

Ideas for projects to improve the appearance of the village are always welcomed so I invite residents to please put forward your practical ideas to improve our any aspect of life in Ramsden Bellhouse.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of my fellow Councillors who have put in so much effort during this past year and also our Parish Clerk who provides invaluable support to the Council. My thanks also go to those residents who have supported the Council by volunteering for the Speedwatch team, attending Parish meetings, completing questionnaires and giving us valuable feedback.

All Parish Council meetings are open to the public. These meetings are held in the village hall according to the schedule published on the hall notice board. The views, needs and concerns of the residents of the village are vital to ensure that the services upon which the Parish Council spends your money are those which the majority of residents value.

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT 2009-10

31/03/2009		31/03/2010
£	RECEIPTS	£
15685.74	Precept	12563.46
158.88	Interest Deposit Account	12.29
315.40	HM Customs Incentive Payment	
698.62	VAT Refund	895.06
16858.64	Total receipts	13470.81
	PAYMENTS	
248.00	Administration	232.39
3117.92	Staff	3457.41
160.00	Training	219.00
440.30	Audit/Insurance/Elections	634.73
350.29	Subscriptions	472.62
925.00	Taxi Vouchers	946.00
5250.12	Security Project	5090.00
989.00	Projects/Memorial/Churchyard	1043.00
59.00	S137	61.00
910.87	VAT	831.56
12450.50	Total Payments	12987.71
	SUMMARY	
30088.29	Balance at 1/4/09	34496.43
16858.64	ADD Total Receipts	13470.81
12450.50	LESS Total Payments	12987.71
34496.43	Balance Carried Forward 31/3/10	34979.53

These cumulative funds are represented by:

Current Account balance	10962.67
Deposit Account balance	24016.86
Total fund	34979.53

These funds are allocated as follows:

Earmarked reserve: Elections	917.73
Earmarked reserve: Tree Planting	350.00
Earmarked reserve: Traffic Calming	6400.00
Earmarked reserve: Taxi Vouchers	879.00
Earmarked reserve: ECC Grant for IT	1000.00
Earmarked reserve: Environmental Projects	1350.00
Earmarked reserve: Village Security	20693.28
General reserve:	3389.52
Total Fund	34979.53

<b>YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS 2009-10</b>					
	<b>Ian Batley</b>	<b>Pam Cummins</b>	<b>Alan Harvey</b>	<b>Ernie Skinner</b>	<b>Richard Wellborne</b>
Contact details	Brynhedryn, Homestead Road	Firs Cottage, Ramsden Park Road	Brook House, Church Road	St. Anthony, Ramsden Park Road	September Cottage, Church Road
Posts held	Notices	Vice Chairman Taxi voucher co-ordination, Open Spaces & Environment, Planning monitoring	Chairman, Traffic Calming	Taxi Voucher co-ordination, Open Spaces & Environment, Notices deputy	Community Speedwatch
Representatives to:	Basildon Association of Town & Parish Councils Reserve		Basildon Association of Town & Parish Councils,	Village Hall	Police Neighbourhood Action Panel
Meeting attendance	<b>4/7</b>	<b>7/7</b>	<b>3/7</b>	<b>7/7</b>	<b>6/7</b>

<b>NON-ELECTED APPOINTMENTS 2009-10</b>		
<b>Clerk to the Council</b>	<b>Independent Internal Auditor</b>	<b>External Auditor</b>
Mrs. Karen Plumridge, 2 Clinton Close, East Hanningfield, Chelmsford CM3 8AZ ☎ 01245 400628 ✉ <a href="mailto:karen.plumridge@btinternet.com">karen.plumridge@btinternet.com</a>	Heelis and Lodge	Audit Commission, Room 215, Tamar Science Park, Davy Road, Derriford, Plymouth, Devon, PL6 8BX

### **During the year**

- The Parish Council subscribed to membership of the National Association of Local Councils, the Essex Association of Local Councils, The Basildon Association of Town and Parish Councils and the Rural Community Council of Essex. The Clerk is a member of the Society of Local Council Clerks.
- The Parish Council considered 36 planning applications.