

ANNUAL REPORT – 2008/2009

COUNCILLORS

Following the vacation of seat by Councillor Gary Whalley and proper procedures having been followed, Rex Abel was co-opted at the meeting held in August 2008 to take Gary's place.

Thanks are due to Gary for his contribution to the Council over many years.

ENVIRONMENT

The Parish Warden continues to provide Codnor with an excellent service.

The recycling bin area, Mill Lane has been extended to allow easier access. However, the dumping of rubbish in and around the area continues to cause concern both to Council and local residents.

Flytipping has increased this year. The Council are continually taking steps to eradicate this unhealthy behaviour.

The Chairman of the Council urges all who live or work in Codnor to help keep the village clean by taking their litter home or putting it into the litter bins provided; and not to leave inappropriate rubbish in the recycling area.

The Clock Building has suffered less vandalism this year, thus enabling the toilet facilities to remain open to the public.

Repairs to the kerbing on Mill Lane, Codnor have been completed.

The increased vandalism to the buildings on the Sports and Welfare site cause grave concern. There was evidence of drinking and fires having been lit. The police are looking into this and have the area under surveillance. Special arrangements were necessary to provide toilet facilities, electricity and water for the 2008 Bonfire and Fireworks event.

Blackspot lighting for the footpath leading from Waingroves Road to Springhill Way is to be installed. Derbyshire County Council and Ripley Town Council are collaborating with Codnor Parish Council towards the scheme.

The Council continues to organise the Best Kept Garden and Allotment competitions. Codnor residents are encouraged to enter. All you need do is to contact the Clerk. We thank the sponsor Shipley Garden Centre for their continued support.

No parking charges are to be implemented for parking on the Alfreton Road or Mill Lane, Codnor car parks.

POLICE

There has been a welcome increase in police presence in the area. Codnor residents witnessing crime or suspicious behaviour are urged to contact the police by telephoning 0845 123 3333.

YOUTH BUS

The Youth Bus service received 237 visits from young people during 13 sessions in the area. The increase in numbers this year is an encouragement as it suggests that the service is of substantial value to the community.

ANNUAL EVENTS

Codnor Fun Day. The event was very well attended. Unfortunately, this year, the weather prevented the annual flypast of the Dakota. The band was sponsored by the Parish Council.

Bonfire Night Celebrations. The event was a great success with about 3,300 people attending. The collection totalled £797.50 (including a donation from Bert Holland, the fairground operator); from this donations were presented to each of the voluntary organisations who again contributed to the success of the event.

Carols round the Tree was enhanced by children from Codnor School, who sang carols for us. £83 was collected and forwarded to Children in Need.

The Civic Service at St James' Church, was well attended and enjoyed by all who came.

FINANCE

As usual, the draft precept was published for public comment; none were received.