

Codnor Parish Council

Annual Report 2016-2017



I am pleased to present the Annual Report for what has been my first term as Chairman of the Parish Council. I must thank my fellow Parish Councillors for electing me to serve as the Chairman during 2016/17. It has been both a pleasure and an honour.

Summer is just around the corner and the Parish Council will be brightening up the summer planters on the Market Place and tidying up the land around the Clock Tower. Speaking of the Clock Tower Building I am proud that the Parish Council have invested money to provide a first class unisex toilet for residents and visitors. This facility is protected by CCTV and we have also installed a defibrillator at the site.

We have successfully maintained free car parking at Mill Lane and Alfreton Road which I am sure will help local businesses and visitors.

Following a campaign by the Parish Council we also have a new post box on the corner of the Mill Lane Car Park. We have also installed a larger litter bin.

All of these initiatives cost money and I am pleased to announce that the Parish Council, through sound financial management have been able to keep precept rises to the absolute minimum.

May I personally thank all those who attended the Codnor Civic Service in March and for their generous donations which I was pleased to add to and present to Butterfly Suite at the Royal Derby Hospital.

Finally may I on behalf of the Parish Council wish all residents a lovely, relaxing and peaceful summer.

Councillor David Jowett, Chairman 2016/17

Parish News

As well as football, cricket and bowls there are now a number of regular users of the Sports and Community Building at Goose Lane. It hosts many community events including County, Borough and Parish Council meetings. Charity and town twinning events have also been held there. It is available for private hire and is a focus for the community.

The Market Place toilets at the Clock Tower building have been refurbished at a cost of around £7,000. The new unisex toilet with an automatic locking door and CCTV protection is open every day from 9 am until 5 pm.



A Defibrillator has also been installed at the Clock Tower by the Parish Council and the Codnor Sports Charitable Trust have also installed one at the Sports and Community Building on Goose Lane.

The best kept garden and allotment competition will again this year be organised by the Parish Council. Anyone with a garden or allotment in the village may enter by contacting the Clerk. The judging takes place in mid-summer.

Litter Picks led by councillors, scouts and members of the public are well attended. More helpers are always welcome. For details please see the Parish Council notice-boards and/or website.

The Parish Council maintains the provision of free doggie bags for Codnor dog owners. These can be collected from the Post Office at Holmfield Chemists. Dog fouling is a health hazard and all dog owners are asked to help keep Codnor clean and safe.

Annual Events



Codnor Fun Day, organised by the Amber Valley Rotary Club, once again attracted a good attendance, with lots of community groups hosting stalls. The Band Concert at Highfields was also well attended with many gathering to hear the Newstead Brass Band. The event was generously sponsored by Friends of Highfields and Codnor Parish Council.

The best, free and spectacular Bonfire/Fireworks event in Derbyshire was again held by the Council. The rain held off for the bonfire, and the fireworks were fantastic. The collection totalled £1152.

Some of this money was distributed, at a presentation held in February 2017 to the voluntary organisations who contributed once again to the success of the event. The remainder will be used to fund the event again this year. This year the Bonfire and fireworks event will be held on Friday 3 November, and the Council is again working jointly with Bert Holland (who provides the rides) to reduce the cost of building the bonfire.



The Council provided individual remembrance crosses for each of the men from the village who died in the First World War. The crosses for the men who died in 1916 were placed at the Lych gate in the Remembrance Day service and can now be seen in the church.

The Carols round the Tree event was again supported by the Heage Band accompanied by the children from Codnor Primary School. The event raised £100 which was donated to Children in Need. After the event, everyone was welcomed to Codnor Methodist Church for refreshments. Over the festive period the Codnor and Crosshill Christmas Lights display was enhanced and provided by LITE Ltd.



At the Codnor Civic Service held in March, a collection was taken and the proceeds split between the Church and the Chairman's charity. As a result of the collection and a donation from the Chairman, £200 was donated to the Butterfly Suite at the Royal Derby Hospital.

Police

PCSOs Alison Dare and Sarah Dufton have maintained an effective police presence, ensuring that public safety in the community. Codnor residents are requested to report non-emergency calls to the Police on telephone number **101** or www.derbyshire.police.uk

Finance

The Parish Council's 2016/17 revenue income was around £65,800. Total expenditure was £68,000. The precept for 2016/2017 was £59,700, whilst the 2017/2018 precept is £60,788. The Council holds balances of £54,000.

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