



**ANNUAL REPORT &
ACCOUNTS 2010/11**

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QUITE A YEAR!

This last year has certainly been one to remember - for reasons that have been both good & bad. We have all lived through the Madingley Fire, the loss of the Playbuilder funding plus positive events such as the Fun Day, alternative funding for the Play Scheme and , after many years in the planning, the launch of the Gardening Project.

In addition to this we had to deal with the repercussions from the '*You Can*' report that was carried out by the Young Foundation and presented to the AGM of the PCT in the Autumn of 2009. Ultimately this led to a shift in the management of Community Development projects and thus a phased out withdrawal of our Community Mentor, Denise Parry. After having access to such support for so long this resulted in a concerted effort to seek both the training and support needed to continue as an effective Community Group. I guess it will be down CRE residents to judge how successful we have been :-

MADINGLEY FIRE

I am sure that most of us will recall what we were doing when we found out that Madingley was on fire. Ironically it was the same day that we had met to plan how to make sure that the 'Playbuilder' scheme did not simply fade away. At 10am representatives from all interested parties had gathered to agree a positive way forwards. We then all moved on to a meeting of the 'Reflect' project. This was a course arranged by ECET [Equality and Community Engagements Team - probably better known to you as *Primary Care Trust*] as a result of the '*You Can*' report. Its main aim was to encourage community integration on the Cambridge Road Estates [CRE]

CREst had a committee meeting planned for 6pm that evening so the rest of my day involved updating reports about both the Playbuilder Project and how CREst could make the best use to the 'Reflect' scheme.

I was hurrying home to feed Tiggy (my cat) and then dash back out for the CREst meeting when I turned the corner from Chesterton Terrace and saw the flames. Within moments I had Des Gordon calling asking for an 'all hands on deck' in Piper Hall. If there was any luck at all that day it was down to the fact that about 80% of the CREst committee were on site ready for our meeting. In addition to this we had all recently undergone a series of training sessions in readiness for Denise's departure. Thanks to the many community events that we have arranged we were also fully equipped and able to provide

the refreshments needed in Piper Hall. For the next 3 weeks we worked day and night hand in hand with every agency or group who were willing to help out. That is when we discovered the true meaning of Community Spirit. People were fed, donations were gratefully received and processed and a 'Fire Fund Account' was set up thanks to the expertise of Kingston Voluntary Action [KVA] and the willingness of community leaders such as Ed Naylor and Sheila Griffin to act as trustees. Mary Graham, who had been manager of the CRE's CAP (Community Action Partnership) programme rallied the troops and within 5 days we had an active account. Thanks to the generosity of locals and stores within the area we were the delighted recipients of so many donations that it was an ongoing task to keep them in some sort of order. As an example, we had 19 travel cots donated by the kind hearted people of Kingston.

For three weeks we were side by side with Madingley victims in Piper Hall. The Residents Association kindly set up a screen and TV link and local businesses were generous with their food donations. Since then all residents have been temporarily re-housed - some elsewhere on the estates and others further afield. We continue to make every effort to keep in contact by sending on our Newsletter etc, and are looking forward to welcoming most of them home soon. I am delighted to report that the 'Madingley Fire Fund' reached a total of £6335.00 As a result of this when we held our annual 'Mince Pie Munch/Christmas Tree lighting' event in December we wrote to all Madingley residents to invite them along where we were able to supply every Madingley resident with an ASDA voucher to the value £112 .

The Fire Fund accounts have also been audited alongside CREst's accounts and are shown as part of this report. There is a balance of £36 in the account plus 3 spare vouchers - one from Tesco for £100 and two unused ASDA vouchers.

CAMBRIDGE ROAD ESTATES PLAY SCHEME [CREPS]

You may recall that, thanks to a Government Grant of £1.1 million, Kingston had 'ring-fenced' the funds for a much needed update of the CRE play equipment. The Playbuilder Project was a 2 year project aimed at creating 4 'Destination Parks' across the Borough plus other smaller projects. Cambridge Rd Estate was in year 2 of the project plan and local representatives from both CREst and CRERA plus statutory agencies had been meeting for several months to set in motion the procedures needed to be sure that local families had every chance to express their

opinions on what equipment they would prefer and where it should go.

However, following the May 2010 General Election the funds that had seemed to be secure were 'un-ring-fenced'. This meant that the funds for this scheme were absorbed in to other projects that were deemed more important. As mentioned earlier, a hastily convened working party met and agreed to seek alternative funding rather than simply allow this long awaited project to fade away.

I am delighted to inform you that a funding bid was made to 'The Marathon Trust' last August and, in January we were informed that this had been successful. The original project had been restricted to the Cambridge Road Estate only and for youngsters up to age 12. The CREPS working party felt that it would benefit a greater number of residents if the scheme was extended to include 'Fresh Air Fitness' equipment and incorporate Cambridge Gardens into the remit. We therefore applied to 'Kingston Town' for a proportion of the funds that have accumulated since 'The Bill' have filmed on the CRE. The matter was debated at the Kingston Town committee meeting held on 6th April 2011 where it was agreed that a further £41,000 be released so that this project can not only go ahead but also expand to offer fitness equipment to teenagers and adult residents. It also provides the funds for us to put in place a long term maintenance programme. As an additional extra, we are now in a position to allocate £2000 to the CRE Gardening Project (CRED) for key items such as a permanent water source.

Over the next couple of months we will be actively seeking the opinions of residents, especially those with families. We need as many families as possible to ensure that residents truly benefit from this once in a generation project. Sheila Griffin is currently co-ordinating our consultation exercise and is seeking families to get involved with this scheme

CREST NEWSLETTER

You may have noticed that our quarterly Newsletter has undergone something of an image change this year. This is thanks largely to the efforts of Jenny Pitt, a local resident who we have been lucky enough to find and appoint as our Editor for both the Newsletter and the CREST website (www.e-voice.org.uk/crest) Given the changes that are happening with local government we are expecting to make greater and greater use of both of these in order to keep residents up to date with what is happening.

PARTNERSHIP WORKING

The past 12 months have seen a lot of changes for CREST and our relationships with other agencies. As mentioned earlier, Denise Parry has had her remit changed and she now works elsewhere in the borough. In the past year, CREST have made a conscious effort to broaden our horizons and work with agencies such as Kingston Voluntary Action (KVA) to identify the gaps in our community support efforts. As a result a great many CREST members have attended training sessions for a variety of subjects ranging from Food Hygiene, Health and Safety, Governance and Outcomes training. In addition we have involved ourselves with other groups who have similar aims such as the Kingston Community Development Network, Age Concern, the Community Wellbeing Group and 'Building Bridges'. We are also in the process of altering our Constitution as part of the procedure required to become a registered charity

The Community Group has continued to maintain strong links with Norbiton's 'Safer Neighbourhood' team and are pleased to welcome Acting Inspector /Sgt Tracey Miller and PC Ben Styles to Norbiton. Sadly we have also had to bid farewell to PCSO Lynsey who has moved to Canbury Ward.

On the sports side, CREST have been working in conjunction with both AFC Wimbledon and Fulham FC to offer sports and entertainment facilities for a broad range of youngsters both here on the estate and at Kingsmeadow. We are also planning to strengthen our relationship with RBK Youth Services in a bid to improve the recreational facilities on offer. One example of this is the news that there is now a mobile 'Parkour' unit available which can be booked and utilised on the CRE.

Another key group helping to improve the lot of CRE residents is the Cambridge Road Estates Community Partnership (CRECP). This group has followed on from where the Community Action Partnership (CAP) left off in 2009 and meets quarterly. Representatives from agencies and statutory bodies across the borough are represented, allowing us the chance to make our voice heard to those who can help us to make a difference.

CREST have recently attended a number of events run by RBK's Neville Rainsford. Neville is charged with the task of implementing a 'Norbiton Working Together' pilot project and is working in conjunction with 'Turning Point' actively seeking the views of Norbiton residents.

Over the past year, the Community Group have discussed the possibility of extending our parameters where possible to include other Norbiton residents and have already put in place plans to achieve this - we have become more actively involved with the Community Development Network, extended our list of activities to include the whole of Norbiton and have started to advertise some of our events more widely. During the coming months we shall be discussing this further in a bid to ensure that our residents are kept aware of the changes that are to be implemented.

CAMBRIDGE ROAD ESTATES DIGGERS (CREd)

Way back when CAP began working on the CRE there was a commitment to starting a gardening project. This is a scheme that has been many years in the planning but, with help from RBK who kindly donated a plot of land behind Fordham and in conjunction with Transition Town Kingston (TTK) work has at last begun creating a community garden. Following a meeting in February all interested residents were invited to play an active part in the scheme which now meets weekly and has received financial support from both CREst and CRERA. We are also planning to include the gardening project when planning the layout of the new play areas to ensure that the garden is as family friendly as possible.

FUN DAY

Given that our annual Fun Day is held on Madingley Green, just below where the fire took hold, the 2010 event was something of a challenge. We were unable to access the Community Shop and half of the green had been fenced off for health & safety reasons. However, once again we rose to the challenge and team spirit won the day.

To make up for the reduced space we contacted stall holders who were willing to share tables with agencies who had similar aims and on the day everyone pulled together to put on an event to be proud of. The even better news is that the event virtually broke even - although this is yet to be confirmed by the auditor. If we wish to continue with this trend we need to keep making strenuous efforts to raise funds for it throughout the year but I believe that we are up to that challenge.

The 2011 Fun Day has been moved forward with the event booked for 20th August. This is partly because several key players are not around in September but also to see if the attendance can be increased by holding the event in the school summer holidays. As usual we are keen to

encourage support for the Fun Day, either with help on or before the day or seeking prizes for the Raffle and the Tombola.

CRESt MEMBERSHIP

As always, we have been actively building support for CREst through the past year. We have been fortunate to find a wonderful new Editor and will be introducing a willing new face at the AGM who has kindly offered to help us with admin work. In addition we have successfully recruited a number of residents who are willing to help us in areas such as helping at events and delivering Newsletters and leaflets but do not have the time to commit to becoming a member of the Management Committee. We offer our thanks to everyone who spares the time to support us. However, we are always seeking new volunteers and we are anxious to be sure that the CRE residents are adequately represented, especially men and those from the BME communities. I have recently been in touch with the new Director at Refugee Action and have invited him to attend our Community Group meetings as an when his workload allows. I hope that this will be a positive first step towards working more effectively with this vibrant group.

OTHER CRESt EVENTS

The last 12 months have seen an increase in the number of events or trips that have been organised by CREst.

The ever popular 'Awayday' coach trips were increased from 3 to 4 and in response to resident comments we arranged a couple for mid-week. Thanks to our affiliation with RAKAT (Richmond and Kingston area Transport) we were able to keep the cost of these trips to a minimum.

In October a trip was arranged to take our older residents to Garson's Farm. RAKAT are able to remove seats from their buses which means we can offer specially tailored facilities for those who have mobility problems.

Children's activities also featured heavily in our schedule. There was the usual Half Term Horrors event run by the ever popular Charley Farley plus school holiday activities such as 'Enjoy a Ball' and parkour training.

We also held the annual Family Christmas Gala at Kingsmeadow and once again paid for a Christmas tree to be installed and lit outside Tadlow. The lights for this were switched on by RBK Mayor, Chrissie Hitchcock as part of our 'Mince Pie' munch where Madingley residents had been invited.

Another full schedule is being planned for the coming year and we would welcome suggestions or ideas from CRE residents.

During the winter months we joined with Age UK to hold 'Fit as a Fiddle' sessions once a week in Piper Hall. Doreen Gardiner worked together with Grace from AGE UK to secure the funding needed for these 6 week courses.

Another initiative aimed at our older residents is the '*Personal Safety, Doorstep Crime and Scams and Identity Fraud*' campaign that is currently being run by Sheila Griffin. She has set up a number of group sessions for local residents where she is then able to pass on the valuable safety tips that she learned during a training course specific to this topic.

ACCOUNTS

Our audited accounts follow this report. This will include the separate 'Fire Fund' account that was set up following the Madingley blaze.

CREst's accounts are peculiar in that portions of our funding have been donated with specific beneficiaries in mind. This means that although we may have a fairly impressive 'bottom line' we are restricted when allocating these funds.

However, each year we endeavour to set our budgets for the coming year and, mainly thanks to Georgie, our Treasurer, we stay within these parameters. In particular we have dedicated budget codes for items such as the Newsletter and the Fun Day and when those fall short of what we require we actively seek the funding to continue. In this respect we are lucky to have Mary Graham who is our member dedicated to sourcing the funds needed.

THE FUTURE

The coming year shows every sign of being as busy as the last with its own share of ups and downs. However, we have been lucky enough to assemble a great team working for this Community Group.

It is relatively easy to get along when things are going well. However, when life gives you bumpy ride there can be a tendency to abandon ship. It is then that you discover just how strong you are as a group.

The past year has seen us face a number of challenges and the best news of all is that we did this together and have emerged stronger and more resolute than ever to improve the well-being of CRE residents.

**COMMUNITY GROUP MEMBERS
2010/11**

Jill Preston	Chair
John Higson	Vice Chair
Georgie Harris	Treasurer
Doreen Gardiner	Secretary
Sheila Griffin	Member
Jenny Pitt	Editor
Mary Graham	Committee Member
Alma White	Committee Member
Geraldine Burgess	Supporting Member
Doreen Tilly	Supporting Member
Clare Gardiner	Supporting Member
Victor Kitenge	Supporting Member
Anthony Burgess	Supporting Member
Des Gordon	RP Manager
Cllr Penny Shelton	Supporting Member
Cllr David-Ryder Mills	Supporting Member
Cllr Steven Brister	Supporting Member
Jill Darling	Voluntary Sector Partnerships Officer
SNT Team Representative	PC Ben Styles
Maria Tunmer	KVA Support
Jason Rogers	Community Halls Manager
Mercy Bolus	Hawks Road Liaison

Cambridge Road Estates Community Group
Accounts up to Feb 2011

	<u>2008-2009</u>	<u>2008 - 2009</u>	<u>2009 - 2010</u>	<u>2010 - 2011</u>
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Coach Trip Ticket Sales	163.00	117.00	225.50	
Fun Day Income	1,270.11	1,363.80	901.50	1,268.54
Pantomime Tickets Sales	53.91			
Noodles Stall Charge For Fun Day				
Gazebo Hire		90.00		
Event Income	258.43	21.40	95.25	347.43
Raffles	168.00	67.00	374.15	
Table Top Sale	88.93			
Jumble Sales			122.30	
Gala Income	210.00	231.00	185.00	
Reimburse Coach Trip Cost From CAP	420.00			
ReimburseTeddy Bears Picnic Costs From CAP	298.75			
Reimburse Pantomime Costs From CAP	464.13			
Reimburse Food of all Nations costs from CAP	119.22			
Replacement Gazebo Cost from Yacht Club	79.99			
Garage sales		497.80	710.54	79.85
Young Peoples Activities		27.00		
Holiday Activities		7.00		
Tuesday Club holding account			103.52	
From Old CRERA account				2,916.17
Stopped Cheques				98.42
Total Income	3,594.47	£2,422.00	£2,717.76	£4,710.41

Donations

Thames TV Fun Day Donation
Denise Farry
21/04/2011

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	<u>2008-2009</u>	<u>2008 - 2009</u>	<u>2009 - 2010</u>	<u>2010 - 2011</u>
National Clamps Fun Day Donation	250.00	250.00	250.00	300.00
Local Business Fun Day Donations			135.00	
F.I.S.H Fun Day Donation	200.00			
Bull & Bush Fun Day Donation				
The Bill Filming Fun Day Donation				
Housing Fun Day Donation				
Smith & Byford Fun Day Donation	350.00	500.00	1,500.00	
SNT Community Launch Event Donation	50.00			
Mears Fun Day Donation	325.00			
Kingsmeadow Day Nursey Fun Day Donation	250.00			
CAP Activities / Events Donation	2,950.00			
Pied Piper Childrens Activities		2,600.95		
Met Police Youth Newsletter Donation	100.00			
Positive Futures Youth Newsletter Donation		100.00		
Donation from Cambridge After School Club			£16,072.60	
Total Donations	4,375.00	3,450.95	17,957.60	300.00

Grants

Neighbourhood Grant For Fun Day	500.00	£750.00		
Bill Fund Grant For Fun Day	500.00			
Bill Fund Grant For Community Activities / Events	3,000.00			
PCT Project Grant (Activities / Events)	9,000.00			
PCT Project Grant (Training & Development)	5,000.00			
KVA Newsletter Grant		1,200.00		
Thames Community Foundation Newsletter Grant			2,400.00	800.00
Thames Community Foundation Fun Day Grant		500.00		1,800.00
Total Grants	18,000.00	2,450.00	2,400.00	2,600.00
Total Revenue	26,069.47	8,322.95	23,075.36	7,610.41

Denise Farry
21/04/2011

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	<u>2008-2009</u>	<u>2008 - 2009</u>	<u>2009 - 2010</u>	<u>2010 - 2011</u>
Events Expenditure				
Pantomime	464.13			
Fun Fair for Fun Day	1,250.00	1,800.00	1,900.00	1,800.00
Fun Day Programme Prize Draw	50.00	50.00	150.00	
Entertainers for Events	915.37	1,626.25	3,426.25	1,264.00
Inflatables/Bouncy Castles for Fun Day	1,035.00			
Henna Tattooist & Material for Fun Day				411.25
Art / Craft Workshop & Material for Fun Day	160.00			350.00
Fun day entertainers				705.00
Radio Jackie hire for Fun Day				120.29
Food and drink for Fun Day BBQ				172.45
Event Refreshments	149.72	494.17	281.51	520.77
Equipment and materials for Fun Day catering				
Sweet Stall For Fun Day		92.51		
Misc Event Expenses		73.50	272.31	16.96
Event Volunteers Lunch & Refreshments	48.29			
Tombola Prizes	94.57	61.00		
Event Prizes	157.61			
Event Raffle prizes	58.70	85.24	50.00	39.86
Fun Day BBQ Staff	50.00			
Bouncy Castle	50.00			
Oak Coaches	420.00			
RaKat Minibuses		406.46	640.78	525.35
Event Decorations	33.58		24.14	
Team Thank You Event	30.00			
Team Building Event	15.00	142.02		
Petting Farm for Fun Day		408.75	407.50	408.75
Kingston Youth Big Band		200.00		
Holiday Play Schemes		400.50	880.93	
Young Peoples Trips		228.20		
Face Paints	12.99			
Giant Games For Events	178.34			
Raffle Ticket Printing		118.07	117.30	52.87
Refugee Action Kingston (ESOL Course)		£842.50		
Denise Pary				
21/04/2011				

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	<u>2008-2009</u>	<u>2008 - 2009</u>	<u>2009 - 2010</u>	<u>2010 - 2011</u>
Misc Expenditure				
Equipment (Sandwich Toaster & Donut Maker)	59.96			
Storage Boxes	100.60			
Flowers	5.00			
Contribution to Mary's leaving do	15.00			
Mary's leaving gift	50.00			
BBQ Gas & Tools		67.93		
Gazebos (2)		77.08		
Newsletter		1,504.00	2,241.00	2,262.00
Audit 2007 - 2008 Accounts		200.00		
Audit 2008 - 2009 Accounts		200.00	200.00	
Audit 2009 - 2010 Accounts				200.00
Training			100.00	733.07
CREERA funds sent to RBK 'The Bill' account				2,916.17
Estate Xmas Tree		318.27	70.00	486.25
Total Misc Expenditure	230.56	2,367.28	2,611.00	6,597.49
Total Expenditure	5,799.21	9,787.92	11,843.51	13,545.15
Total Revenue	26,069.47	8,322.95	23,075.36	7,610.41
Balance Carried Forward	2,992.16	£23,262.42	21,797.51	33,029.36
	29,061.63	31,585.37	44,872.87	40,639.77
Total Expenditure	5,799.21	9,787.92	11,843.51	13,545.15
Account Balance	£23,262.42	£21,797.45	£33,029.36	£27,094.62
Petty cash in hand			215.56	130.44
				£27,225.06

Denise Pary
21/04/2011

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Cambridge Road Ecology Community Group
 Financial Statements for the year ended 28 February 2010
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Income and expenditure for the year to February 2011

	Mar 10-Feb 11	Mar 09-Feb 10	Apr 08-Feb 09
	£	£	£
Income			
Grants	2600	16,400	2,450
Donations	300	17,850	3,468
Fundraising proceeds	1794	2,252	2,400
CREEMM transfer	2656	31,110	0,316
	<u>7650</u>		
Expenditure			
Administrative costs	581	480	260
Miscellaneous costs	1196	959	265
Newsletter	2282	2,241	1,504
Professional costs	733	300	200
Excessors	5264	624	234
Event costs	2656	8,185	6,662
CREEMM transfer	<u>1282</u>	<u>11,000</u>	<u>9,581</u>
Surplus/Deficit of Income over Expenditure transferred to Reserves	<u>5828</u>	<u>10,230</u>	<u>-7,265</u>

Balance Sheet

	28 February 2010	28 February 2009
	£	£
Fixed Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash at bank & in hand	41,237	21,987
	<u>41,237</u>	<u>21,987</u>
Current Liabilities		
Accrued professional costs	200	200
Net Current Assets	<u>41,037</u>	<u>21,787</u>
Net Assets	<u>41,037</u>	<u>21,787</u>
Capital and Reserves		
Reserves brought forward	21,287	20,080
Surplus/deficit generated in year	<u>10,230</u>	<u>-1,268</u>
Reserves	<u>31,517</u>	<u>18,812</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Committee on _____ and signed on their behalf by:

Chair _____