

Annual Report of the Chair of the Parish of Buxton with Lammas

April 2010-April 2011

This year has been a busy and fruitful one for the Parish. External events, such as Norfolk moving to Unitary Authority, have passed us by, leaving us to concentrate on the needs of the two villages.

We have been so fortunate to have Tracy Foster as our PCSO and with her help, our crime statistics and vandalism are down. The Speed Watch team have been active and even though some cars are still passing through at 55mph, there has been an awareness with some drivers and motorcycles to reduce their speed. The SNAP meetings are a forum for our concerns and the police have listened.

The Balay Field is well used, which is pleasing. This area is for the use by young people, so to see football matches, football training, cricket matches and training is excellent. Broadland District Council has hired the field in the holidays for the use by our young people and this will be happening in the summer.

The new bus shelter is a great improvement on the old one, as is the picnic table by the railway station and the seat near Lamas Hall. The County Council have a new system of Rangers going round the villages, sorting out pot holes, hedges, etc. and this seem to be working well.

It is always a pleasure {as it is tonight} to welcome people to our Parish meetings to help us understand local issues and information. To this end, Barbara Hornbrook, from Broadland District Council came to explain the Conservation Area at Badersfield {the old RAF station} and Stu Wilson about the Navigation Day which will take place next year. The Parish Council has managed its finances well and the Auditor was happy to sign them. We do support various charities, but our main ones are the mowing of the Church Burial Grounds, the Village Hall and the Playgroup. I am sure you have seen the new play area for the children.

Last but not least, after 20 years of service to the two villages, Roz Rose decided to resign. We wish her well with her increased workload at Spixworth. We warmly welcome our new Clerk Ros Calvert.

I have much enjoyed being the Chair of such a busy Parish and would like to thank all the Councillors for their hard and positive work, in order to make Buxton and Lammas such a pleasant place to live.

Barbara Rix
Chairman
Buxton with Lamas Parish Council
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