

# Grimsargh Parish Council - Annual Report and Accounts 2011

## Chairman's Report – April 2011

Looking back over the year, one major thing that particularly stands out is that there has been a major change for the membership of the Council.

- Outgoing Councillors: Brian Woodburn, Patricia Tucker, Norman Ridding, Geoffrey Swarbrick and the late Sam Sellers
- Outgoing Clerk: Peter Croft
- Incoming Councillors: Andy Ellis, Ron Woollam and David Hindle
- Incoming Clerk: Sue Whittam
- Vacancies – 3 Parish Councillors

Our sincere thanks go to those who have left us this year, for their considerable efforts and dedication in their duties as their roles within Grimsargh Parish Council

Key features the year:

- Friends of Grimsargh Green – the group continues to achieve great things with the recent installation of the solar lighting and the new car park. The “Britain in Bloom” achievement was tremendous – especially for a first time entrant. We await with anticipation the completion of the new Play Area.
- The Sites for Preston Planning Consultation – showed how the residents of Grimsargh care deeply about this village and wish to preserve its rural charm.
- We are all very much better educated in the matters of Faster Broadband speeds and we hope that the moves around will result in improved services being available for all residents of Grimsargh.
- The usual crib, Christmas tree and carols were this year complemented by the jumbo tree, kindly donated by Alan Coar and hosted by Browns.
- The website has now become established as a source for up-to-date information on local matters – with a peak of 400 new visitors during the January month, getting updates on the “Sites for Preston” information.
- The Council has continued to provide small grants to local causes – for example the Over 60's Christmas Party, Longridge Gymnastics Club, Grimsargh Toddlers, FoGG and others.

Many thanks go to our new Clerk for Sue for her efforts during this year and rapid assimilation of the particular Grimsargh idiosyncrasies!

And finally we hope that some enthusiastic new members are going to join our ranks in the coming few weeks and we look forward to welcoming their fresh ideas and drawing on their different experiences.

**Eileen Murray – 7<sup>th</sup> April 2011**

## Grimsargh Parish Council Receipts and Payments Account - 31<sup>ST</sup> March, 2011

	<b>2010/11</b>	<b>2009/10</b>
Total Receipts	27,491. 36	26,561. 65
Total Payments	20,118. 16	18,143. 74
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	7,373. 20	8,417. 91
Plus N.S.B. Interest	11. 04	14. 94
Plus un-presented cheques at Year End	260. 00	--
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	7,644. 24	8,432. 85