

## **AGM OF THE FRIENDS OF GRIMSARGH GREEN, THE 19/07/11, Plough Inn, Grimsargh @7.30pm**

### **CHAIRPERSONS ANNUAL REPORT**

Welcome to the fifth AGM of the Friends of Grimsargh Green ( FOGG). Looking back over the last 5/6years FOGG has achieved a phenomenal amount not only in terms of the work carried out on the green, but also in fundraising somewhere in the excess of £55,000 pounds by holding a variety of events, grants and match funding from a number of organisations. We have used many local tradesmen, charities, volunteers, schools as well as statutory organisations to realise the plan for the green, a result of the consultation with the public.

The dedication of the committee has once again been evidenced by their achievements over the past year. We said goodbye to Pat Tucker in May and would like to thank her for her contribution during the year.

The committee would also like to thank those who volunteered on such a foul day to help clean up the village green for the Britain in Bloom competition. We are extremely pleased to say that we achieved a level 4, thriving, in the results. There is only one higher award and that is excellent. A big thank you is also owed to Julie Livesey from the Wild life Trust and some members of the Ribble Valley Church who kindly came along and helped us plant some Holly and Hazel Whips to help fill in some gaps in the perimeter hedge on the village green.

Further hedge laying workshops are planned for October and anyone who would like to volunteer for a workshop is more than welcome. Please pass on you details to a FOGG committee member who will be in touch with more details as soon as the arrangements are finalised.

The sign indicating the flowers, in the wild flower garden and the flora and Fauna in the pond is now in place.

Progress on the play area has been slow due to the delay in the finalisation of the \$106 money from Redrow. However I am pleased to say that things are moving at long last. A public consultation on the proposed plans was held in May during half term. Several opinions and suggestions by the public are now under consideration by Preston City Council. It is hoped that the work on the play area will commence in October and will be completed in November.

A couple of picnic tables have been sited in the vicinity of the play area to enable parents to enjoy the area and keep an eye on their children at play

The Car park is a cause for concern as flooding is occurring at the entrance. Two solutions have been proposed by Pye's and FOGG is continuing to liaise with Preston City Council and Pye's to find an amicable solution. A barrier has been erected by the lengths man Adam Cooper to prevent children from running directly onto the car park from the play area. The solar Lights are now up and functioning during the months of October through to March

A project working with the two schools to produce a permanent piece of mosaic art work commemorating Preston Guild is now well under way. It is planned that the work will commence in the schools in March and be completed in time for" Grimsargh Guild Week" in June 2012

Fundraising continues with grants being raised from Lancashire County Council, Grimsargh Parish Council, Small Sparks Fund, Green Partnership awards, the Mother's Union, St Michael's Church Grimsargh, for a talk on Preston Royal Infirmary, the Christmas Fair and once again a stall on Grimsargh Field day.

A FOGG website is currently under construction.

A detailed Treasures Report is attached to the chairs annual report.

Once again it only remains for me to say a very big thank you to the committee for all their hard work throughout the year

Joyce Chessell

Chair of FOGG

**FRIENDS OF GRIMSARGH GREEN - ANNUAL ACCOUNTS, 2010/11**

<u>INCOME</u>			<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Balance Carried Forward from June, 2010		£17,595.36	01.07.10 Solar Lighting	£4,664.75
<u>Other Income</u>			06.08.10 Preston City Council (Car Park)	£6,728.00
09.07.10 Field Day Raffle £179.00)		£285.00	15.08.10 G A Cookson (Materials for Wildflower Sign)	£30.62
09.07.10 Young at Heart £106.00)			01.07.10 Solar Lighting (Final Balance)	£875.00
15.10.10 LCC (Green Partnership)		£200.00	06.02.11 Whitehill Direct (Picnic Benches)	£681.60
10.03.11 LCC (Councillor G Wilkins)		£300.00	02.04.11 R.V Church Group (Donation)	£25.00
27.03.11 Mother's Union		£25.00	28.04.11 Adam Cooper (Rails to car Park)	£264.00
16.05.11 Parish Council Grant		£1,000.00		
<b>TOTAL INCOME TO 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2010</b>		<b>£19,405.36</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE TO 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2010</b>	<b>£13,268.97</b>

**SUMMARY**

Total Income	£19,405.36	
Minus Total Expenditure	£13,268.97	
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>£6,136.39</b>	
<b>BALANCE HELD IN THE LLOYDS BANK CURRENT ACCOUNT AT 30<sup>TH</sup> June, 2011</b>	<b>£6,136.39</b>	

**NOTES**

There are a number of likely expenses during the forthcoming year. The estimated costs are detailed below:-

1. Hedge Laying Costs £1,500.00
2. Special Feature (Mosaic Mural) £3,500.00
3. Construction of Feature Wall (for 2.) £1,500.00