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FINANCIAL REPORT 2010/11

The Town Council approved expenditure for the financial year 2010/11 of £136,772. The main items of expenditure being:- maintenance programme for the Clock Tower Memorial Gardens; contribution to Stocksbridge In Bloom and Steel Valley Project; Christmas Illuminations contract; Bench Replacement programme, purchase of play equipment for the Don Field playground and the maintenance and cleaning of 2 public toilet blocks including upgrading of the toilets at Bolsterstone to include hand wash facilities. Grant of £12,711 were awarded to local groups for activities/projects in the area.

The precept collected from the local taxpayers amounted to £98,500. The balance was met from reserves, miscellaneous income and donations from local businesses towards the Christmas Illuminations. The Town Council are the facility managers of the ARC Town Hall building and income/expenditure for the building is also shown within the Town Council's accounts.

The Town Council's accounts are subject to internal and external audit. The final audit report will be displayed after completion of the external audit.

Notes re 2011/12

For the current year 2011/12, budgeted expenditure amounts to £128,495 with a precept of £100,963.

Cllr. Paul Jagger

I became a member of the Council in May of this year and I am looking forward to the challenges of representing Stocksbridge both within the town and to the wider communities we relate to and work with.

I have lived in the area for the last 15 years and in the wider Sheffield area for 25 years. My wife and I together with our wider family enjoy the privileges and pleasures of the area and both engage in school governance voluntary activity across the education, health and social care sectors.

I am presently the Pro Chancellor of the University of Bradford, Chair of Barnsley Community Solutions (Health Care provider), and I have recently stepped down from the Chair of 2010 Rotherham LTD, a housing company.

In my spare time there is nothing better than walking the lakes of the Upper Don.



Cllr. Grant French

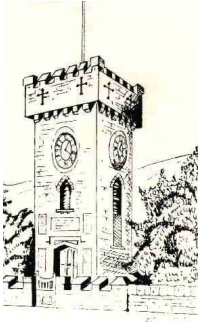
I am born and bred here in the Valley, it is home to my family—3 girls who have all attended local schools. I have worked all over the country but this is home, the best people anywhere!

I'm sure the press would call me a NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard), but I have seen little benefit from the changes to the Valley over the years. I would like to reverse a lot of those changes! Stick in the Mud? Maybe.

My ultimate goal would be to get the North Don autonomous again. I feel we were better off when we handled our own affairs. It was better when our address was nr. Sheffield, not Sheffield.

I will back all the other Councillors regardless of party, if they are working to the benefit of the Valley. From what I have seen, I believe that they are.





Stocksbridge Town Council Newsletter



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Time has gone so quickly I can barely believe it is three months since I became Mayor.

During the Summer it has been wonderful to go around the various Summer Fayres and Fetes and see the Valley in all its glory. A particular mention must go to Bolsterstone Fayre which attracted some of the biggest crowds ever known – it was amazing that so many people could fit into the village.

One of the nicer roles of being Mayor is the presenting of the Citizens Award. This Award is given to residents in the parish who positively contribute in some way to the everyday life of the Town. The Award for Summer 2011 went to Graham and Dorothy Shaw.

Graham and Dorothy have been very active within Stocksbridge in Bloom and keep the triangle at the bottom of Hayward Lane looking lovely throughout the year. As with so many people in the Valley who do various things they carry out this work without thought of recognition or reward.

This year has also seen the first awarding of the Young Citizens Award. This award is nominated by staff at Stocksbridge High School. It is often easy to forget how many great kids we have within the Valley and instead get caught up with thinking about the small minority who generate unfortunate headlines. The first Young Citizen Award went to Isobelle Cottyn. I can do no better than use the exact words on her nomination, being:-



Issy has been a hugely active and popular student, being elected as form rep and school council rep every year, resulting in being involved in a wide range of activities where she has represented the school. She has attended conferences at Cutlers Hall and local litter picks, been involved in serving meals to the elderly in the community and in organising school fund raisers. Outside of school Issy has visited and helped at an orphanage in Goa

(through family links) and hopes to spend a year working there in the future. In 2009 Issy became the first student from the school to stand for election to the UK Youth Parliament, although missing out on a place she has continued to meet with other form reps from schools in our area to share ideas and plans. Issy has also found time to be a Peer Mentor for young students and represent the school as part of the netball team. Issy is one of the most friendly and level headed and aware students I have ever had the opportunity to know and would be the perfect recipient of the first Young Citizen Award.

As ever we rely on the people of Town for nominations so please contact the Town Clerk at the Town Hall with any nominations and the reason(s) you are nominating them.

IT'S SILVER GILT FOR VALLEY IN BLOOM

CONGRATULATIONS GO TO ALL THOSE INVOLVED IN HELPING TO ACHIEVE THIS FANTASTIC AWARD FOR THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR - YOUR TREMENDOUS EFFORTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR BRIGHTENING UP THE TOWN ARE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.



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THE STEEL VALLEY PROJECT



STONE TO STEEL PROJECT A SUCCESS

The Steel Valley Project has successfully completed the five year Stone to Steel Project.

The Stone to Steel Project brought almost £1 million investment to Stocksbridge and the surrounding area, half of which was from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

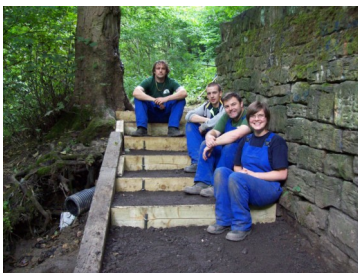
This funding allowed the Steel Valley Project to employ project officers to work with the local community to discover and celebrate the natural and cultural heritage of Stocksbridge.

This included working with



schools, landowners, community groups and individuals to deliver:

- Events such as heritage fairs, guided walks and education work.
- Increase the accessibility of green space as well as the wider countryside



- Manage local green spaces
- Deliver capital projects through engaging contractors on behalf of landowners.
- Produce leaflets and panels to promote heritage trails and the wider area.
- Provide training and volunteer opportunities to local people.
- Support schools and local community groups.



The Stone to Steel Project funding finished in March 2011 and in order to look at how successful the project was, consultants were engaged to assess what impact was made.

These outputs are summarised in the column to the right, but overall the report demonstrated a number of key points:

More people are now accessing and enjoying the natural environment. This includes local people and visitors from further a field.

At the same time more people, particularly local people have a better understanding of Stocksbridge's natural and historic landscape and its development.

Local voluntary community groups and key partner organizations reported that they had increased their confidence and capacity to develop their projects.

Much of the work on the ground was achieved by volunteers working with the SVP.

They were able to develop skills and knowledge to deliver a range of countryside management projects. Qualifications were achieved in first aid and use of power tools such as chainsaws and strimmers.

This work also had positive impacts upon their health, confidence and employability that improved the quality of their lives.

Steel Valley Project Manager, Matthew North said, "I am delighted that the hard work of staff, volunteers and community groups has

been shown to have such a positive impact for Stocksbridge and the surrounding area. This wouldn't have been possible without the support of Stocksbridge Town Council, Tata Steels and our other partners"

Work won't stop here. The report has highlighted key points that the SVP will carry on to build on this success.

The SVP will continue working with land owners and agencies to manage sites for the benefit of local people and wildlife.



It will work with schools to access and use local green spaces to deliver the national curriculum. Works on footpaths and rights of way will continue in partnership Sheffield's Public right of Way Unit.

Volunteer training activities will continue to be developed to provide opportunities for local people.



For more information, contact the Steel Valley Project on 0114 2830 880 or email:

info@steelvalleyproject.org.uk

OUTPUTS FROM THE STONE TO STEEL PROJECT AT A GLANCE

- 3140 people attended 91 events.
- 40 activity sessions have been run with 1522 participants in formal education.
- 1320 volunteer days have been completed by the project.
- Eight local sites totalling 173 hectares of land have been improved.
- Five additional sites have benefited from management input, totalling 31.5 hectares.
- Access to six new walking trails has been created, totalling 54km.
- A greater number of people are accessing the natural environment because of the project.
- Engagement with a wide range of community based groups
- A very high proportion of community members who have engaged with the project have enjoyed the experience.
- The project has had an impact on learning and an understanding of the local heritage and natural environment.
- Community organisations engaged have developed new skills and confidence in heritage / natural environment projects.
- The SVP has employed a particularly successful model of recruiting and retaining volunteers.
- Volunteer trainees have succeeded in gaining qualifications, new skills and personal benefits as a direct result of their engagement with the project.

VINCI Construction UK lends a Hand

Anyone with children attending Stocksbridge High School is aware that there is a lot of building work going on there!

The contractors, VINCI Construction UK Limited, in partnership with Sheffield Local Education Partnership and Sheffield City Council, began work on the Building Schools for the Future project at Stocksbridge High School last September. The new school will consist of both new and refurbished buildings and the construction process has been programmed into a number of separate phases to allow the 900 pupil school to be fully operational while work proceeds.

VINCI Construction UK was keen to show their continued support and dedication to the local community and offered their staff time and expertise to the Steel Valley Project under the Considerate Constructors initiative.

Work ranged from helping manage footpaths on the Steel Valley Walk, installing gates on the Isle of Skye, Hunshef and even



repairing a pond in a Primary School's Wildlife area.

SVP Project Manager, Matthew North said, "We really enjoyed working with the staff from VINCI Construction UK. They brought their skills and knowledge to support our work and when they finished they had picked up a few more in countryside management. We had really positive feedback from all involved and I would like to thank VINCI Construction for investing their time in the local community."

Keith Shivers, Regional Director, VINCI Construction UK said,

"Our employees joined as volunteers and worked on a wide range of projects in the local area. It's a great opportunity to get to know the local community and help them improve the local environment."



NEW FOOTPATH IN FOX GLEN

Fox Glen is 100 years old this year.

It was opened as a park to celebrate the coronation of King George V and Queen Mary.

Over the years, particularly, after the second world war, nature reclaimed this site, colonizing planted beds, swimming pool and band stand.

In the 1980's Stocksbridge and Deepcar Environment Group with the Steel Valley Project

Developed a management plan to make the glen an attractive space for people as well as nature.

Since then 1,000's of hours of volunteer time has been invested to manage the site.

In addition the SVP has found thousands of pounds to tackle some of the bigger issues.

The path on the southern edge was in a poor state of repair and funds from the South Yorkshire Environment Trust and

The Heritage Lottery generated more than £17,000 to get the work done.

This creates a circular path that's much easier for a range of abilities to enjoy this important local green space.

For more information on Fox Glen's past, look at the Stocksbridge Historical Society website on:

www.stocksbridgehs.co.uk



Above and left:

Fox Glen's

WHAT'S IN THE FUTURE?

We all know that times are tough at the moment and there is less money around.

For charities such as the Steel Valley Project this is certainly the case. There is a lot of work needed to be done but at the moment there is less money available to achieve this, either from local authority departments or in the form of grants.

With the support of partners such as the Stocksbridge Town Council, we are working to make what funding there is go that little bit further until the situation gets better.

However, it's not all gloom! The SVP are currently supported by the East Peak Innovation Partnership. This rural initiative funded from the LEADER programme has paid for the SVP to carry out works to achieve a range of targets.

Thanks to the hard work of staff, volunteers and

Partners we have consistently exceeded these targets and look forward to carry on working with EPIP to ensure Stocksbridge and the surrounding area is a great place to live, work and visit.

The SVP is also working in partnership with officers from Sheffield City Council to maintain footpaths and manage woodlands.

Working with the SCC Woodlands Project Officer, the SVP is developing a three year work programme for woodlands in Stocksbridge and the surrounding area. From this a range of tasks will be identified and funding sought.

Works will include managing boundaries, paths and the woods themselves. Woodland management will include some tree thinning and coppicing work.

This is in order to open the canopy of these woods to let younger trees and flowers grow as well as control non native tree species that are taking over.

It is anticipated that work may be carried out on sites such as Fox Glen, Knoll Top, Pot House and New Hall Woods. Management proposals will be publicised in advance.

If you would like to take part in the SVP's work programme, there are spaces in the volunteer training team.

For more information, contact Matthew North, Project Manager on 0114 2830 880 or by email on: info@steelvalleyproject.org.uk