

**The Parish Council of Tidbury Green**  
**Annual Report and Accounts**  
**Year ended 31 March 2013**

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## Annual Report

### For the year ended 31 March 2013

Your Parish Council recognises that its primary role is to set and spend the Precept efficiently, wisely and only for the purposes of benefitting and enhancing the Parish. Therefore we were particularly pleased to be able to set a precept for the year which, for a Category D band household, represented an 18.8% saving. Nevertheless, working within this reduced budget, we were able to fund what was a superb celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in co-operation with Tidbury Green School. We are very grateful to Elaine Atter and her hard working group of helpers for arranging such an enjoyable event. Elaine and her team also organised a very successful and well attended Quiz Night in October 2012, and have scheduled a Games Night for 26 April 2013.

The Over 60's Christmas lunch, organised by John and Joan Kane, drew record numbers and was a lively affair. Their contribution was typical of many others who gave their time freely to help bring our Community together. These include Conrad Jagger of "Technologise" for continued help in maintaining the Parish Council website, to Don Wright and Earlswood Nursery for installing planters at notice board sites and keeping them planted, to Woods Farm for providing a Christmas tree, and to Mr. and Mrs. Ballard for lending us a tree to light up for Christmas, then to Agnes Thomas for co-ordinating "Speedwatch" with her dedicated and skilled team of helpers, and finally to Jenny Fearn for taking on the challenge of preserving the local bus route. Many thanks are also given to all those who carried out "litter picks", participated in the bulb planting program, and delivered the Parish Council newsletters.

We devote considerable time to planning matters and seek to maintain a close working relationship with Solihull's Planning Department. The past year has seen the publishing of Solihull's Draft Local Plan, which your Parish Council considered in detail, responding to Solihull MBC with a unanimous view of agreement to the plan, so far as it related to Tidbury Green, including the return of certain land to Green Belt. Since then, we have been pleased to see that an application to develop Lowbrook Farm has been refused by Solihull MBC, and we await the outcome of the appeal. We believe that we have delivered a solid objection to this application, and we are grateful to all the Parishioners who supported us along the way.

Finally, Karen Hearn, our Parish Clerk, has decided to retire from this position to take up a key role in Warwickshire Ladies Golf. This sport has been a major part of her life, and I am sure she is thrilled to take on this challenge. She has consistently been an enthusiastic and professional contributor to the Council's affairs, and we wish her every success for the future.

**The Parish Council of Tidbury Green**  
**Receipts and Payments Account**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2013**

<b><i>Receipts</i></b>	<b>Note</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
		£	£
Precept	2	12,000	15,000
Grant from Solihull MBC	3	200	-
VAT refund		241	548
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Total receipts		12,441	15,548
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<b><i>Payments</i></b>			
Salaries and expenses		5,645	5,048
Contribution to Social Events		1,596	749
Printing, postage, telephone and stationery		726	681
Christmas trees and lights		688	60
Subscriptions and training		576	619
Insurance		368	366
Miscellaneous expenses	4	346	421
Internal and external audit		285	435
Bulb planting		57	30
Notice boards		-	814
Projection equipment		-	564
Donation to Allotments Association		-	100
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Total payments		10,287	9,887
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<b><i>Surplus of receipts over payments for the year</i></b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2,154</b>	<b>5,661</b>
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Approved at a meeting of The Parish Council of Tidbury Green held on 17 April 2013 and signed on its behalf by:

P. Seddon – Chairman

G. A. Thomas – Responsible Financial Officer

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## Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2013

### **1. Basis of preparation**

These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis, so do not take account of accrued income and expenditure at the beginning and end of any financial year, except for the allocation of reserves as set out in note 5. These accounts are unaudited. Your Parish Council is required to submit a Statutory Annual Return, which includes both internal and external auditors' reports. When published, this will be available from the Parish Clerk on request.

### **2. Precept**

The precept is an amount set each year by the Parish Council and collected as part of the Council Tax charges issued by Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council. The precept for 2012/13 was set at £25.64 per Category D band household, a reduction of 18.8% over 2011/12.

### **3. Grant from Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council**

This comprised £200 for bulbs and the production of newsletters (2012 - £Nil).

### **4. Miscellaneous expenses**

This heading includes recoverable Value Added Tax.

### **5. Reserves**

Following a surplus of receipts over payments for the year of £2,154 (2012 - £5,661), at 31 March 2013, the total reserves of the Parish Council amounted to £22,461 (2012 - £20,307), of which £12,250 (2012 - £4,122) was specifically allocated against liabilities incurred but not paid, approved projects or other potential, but unbudgeted, expenditure. This left a general reserve at 31 March 2013 of £10,211 (2012 - £16,185). These reserves were represented wholly by cash.