

The Parish Council of Tidbury Green  
Chairman's Report  
For the year ended 31 March 2016

***In a year when we seemed to be under permanent siege from developers and lorry traffic, there was much to be thankful for. I am very grateful to all that have made a significant contribution to our parish community and acknowledge their endeavours below:***

My fellow Parish Councillors and Charlotte, our Clerk, for achieving the objectives set out for the year, and much more. Ken Hawkins, Linda Brown and Richard Holt, Solihull Councillors, for attending Parish Council meetings, and thereby taking an interest in Parish affairs.

The "Social Committee" for organising a series of superb events, consisting of a record number of entries for the Scarecrow Competition, an extraordinarily enjoyable Barn Dance, standing room only attendance at the School Christmas Carol Concert, and again a record number of entrants for the recent Quingo evening. Overall they raised an amount of £250 which was donated to the "Edwards Trust" charity. Also, special thanks to Jo Hudson for organising an outstanding Over 60's lunch.

Mrs. McHale and the School, for working in partnership with the Social Committee to deliver these events. Local businesses Earlswood Nurseries, Shed Head, Akamba, Dal Forno, Steve Lane Motors and the Hungry Horse for donating raffle prizes for the Christmas Carol Concert.

The "Village Hall Management Committee", for administering and maintaining this valuable facility.

Pamela Mason, the Council's internal auditor, retiring this year after seven years of diligent service.

Agnes Thomas and the "Speedwatch" team, for their continued efforts to curb traffic speeds in the area, and to WPC Sharon Grant for her friendly help and support.

Pam Cole, who has inspired us to focus on litter, resulting in Solihull MBC agreeing to undertake a routine programme of picking litter in the Parish, which is now in place.

Woods Farm, for donating a festive Christmas tree, Margaret and Roger Ballard for allowing us to light their holly tree, Peter Seddon for guidance and help in lighting the trees, and Don White and Earlswood Nurseries, for maintaining the notice board planting stations.

All of the parishioners who continue to support the campaign against "Road nuisance in Tidbury Green", who have trod steadfastly in all seasonal weather to deliver newsletters, who supported the "Help for Hedgehogs" initiative, and who took the time to attend a Parish Council meeting.

Finally, I give quiet reflection for any whose contribution has not been acknowledged here, but nevertheless have "done their bit". They are "the last that shall be first".

The Parish Council of Tidbury Green  
Receipts and Payments Account  
For the year ended 31 March 2016

<b><i>Receipts</i></b>	<b>Note</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
		£	£
Precept	2	11,829	11,803
Grants received	3	570	197
VAT refund		1,404	822
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Total receipts		13,803	12,822
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<b><i>Payments</i></b>			
Salaries and expenses		7,330	6,604
Consultancy		2,789	3,374
Printing, postage, telephone and stationery		1,355	1,172
Miscellaneous expenses	4	1,308	1,148
Office and other equipment		1,122	-
Contribution to social events and competitions		912	1,130
Subscriptions and training		552	764
Insurance		316	316
Tree assessment and lopping – TG allotments		280	990
Internal and external audit		100	260
Bank charges		105	122
Donations	5	36	25
Christmas trees and lights		-	86
Bulb planting		-	53
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Total payments		16,205	16,044
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<b><i>Deficit of receipts over payments for the year</i></b>	<b>6</b>	<b>(2,402)</b>	<b>(3,222)</b>
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Approved at a meeting of The Parish Council of Tidbury Green held on 27 April 2016 and signed on its behalf by:

G. A. Thomas – Chairman

C. Kirby – Responsible Financial Officer

**The Parish Council of Tidbury Green**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2016**

**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 6. 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 ("SMBC").

**3. Grants received**

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	£	£
Transparency Fund	399	-
SMBC – Precept support grant	171	197
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	570	197
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**4. Miscellaneous expenses**

This includes recoverable VAT of £1,067 (2015 – £1,097)

**5. Donations**

These were made to Campaign to Protect Rural England.

**6. Reserves**

Following a deficit of receipts over payments for the year of £2,402 (2015 – deficit of £3,222), at 31 March 2016, the total reserves of the Parish Council amounted to £14,894 (2015 - £17,296), of which £11,550 (2015 - £11,850) 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 2016 of £3,344 (2015 - £5,446). These reserves were represented wholly by cash.