

HOLCOMBE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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SECRETARY'S REPORT 2009

1. Statistics:

1.1 Three general meetings and an AGM.

Topics covered were:-

- Devon Trading Standards;
- Dawlish Sea Cliffs Remediation Scheme;
- Devon's Lost Heritage;
- The Trials and Tribulations of a Surgeon.

We also held our now annual Barn Dance to "Red Shed" at the end of November.

1.2 A highly successful Arts and Crafts Exhibition on 12th & 13th September

1.3 Committee meetings : seven plus arts & Crafts organising committee meetings.

1.4 Current membership Approximately 340.

2. Association activities.

We have continued to try to further the objectives of the Association in the following ways:

- a. Holding general meetings with speakers on topics relating to the objectives;
- b. Acting as a forum for the views of residents;
- c. Maintaining our communications arrangements for members;
- d. Scrutinising planning applications and commenting where these fall within our policy.
- e. Maintaining and promoting the village website;
- f. Working with the church to organise lunches and coach trips;
- g. Liaising with our local councils and other interested bodies over matters which may affect the village;
- h. Organising the Arts & Crafts Exhibition;
- i. Producing "Holcombe Jottings";
- j. Liaising with the village hall committee;
- k. Liaising with local Councillors;
- l. Liaising with the Dawlish Community Trust;
- m. Promoting the conservation of valued elements of the local landscape such as trees;
- n. Running stalls in the village summer and Christmas Fayres ;
- o. Encouraging police liaison.

I am happy to answer any questions on Association activities and we will welcome ideas for further developments for the Association at the AGM

3. Committee membership and support

Specific responsibilities on the committee are given below:

Chairman & membership secretary. Representative on the hall committee	Gerry Chambers	Vice-chairman & representative on Dawlish Community Trust	Roger Tyler
Secretary,	John Watson	Treasurer	Douglas Bruce
Minuting secretary	Gill Parsons	Summer & Christmas Fayres	Carol Chambers
Trees	John Bromley	Website	Andy Watson
"Holcombe Jottings" editor [not on committee]	Bryan Weston	Arranging speakers	Gwyn Crossland
Planning	Gerry Chambers, Gill Parsons, Andy Watson, John Watson		

The committee continues to work as a great team and I would like to express my most sincere thanks to them all. Douglas Bruce is retiring as Treasurer this year and we all owe him a huge debt of gratitude for his hard work and support for the Association. Carol Chambers is stepping down as a committee member. She is an ever willing and tireless colleague. We will miss both Douglas and Carol very much. Gerry comes to the end of his two year stint as our Chair but is remaining on the committee [if elected!]. He has been a wonderful and highly entertaining chair and works extraordinarily hard for everyone in the village.

As always our efforts have been supported by a large number of people and we would like to thank them all. In particular our councillors, John Clatworthy and Humphrey Clemens continue to be very active and responsive on behalf of the village. A number of our members are also most helpful especially Vicki Sparks and Bryan Weston on the Arts & Crafts committee. Many thanks to everyone who has helped in any way.

4. Forthcoming meetings:

Committee meeting:

Immediately after the AGM New committee meets. Election of officers.

Events & General meetings:

Friday 11 th June	Talk on "AIMS". Local charity supporting families of children with special needs.
Friday 10 th September	Devon Ports. Dave Atkins, Port Manager
Friday 26 th November	Barn Dance to "Red Shed"

John Watson,
Secretary