

# **HOLCOMBE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

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## **SECRETARY'S REPORT 2008**

### **1. Statistics:**

1.1 Four general meetings and an AGM.

Topics covered were:-

- Paignton Zoo: History & Conservation;
- Dawlish Air Ambulance;
- Dawlish Warren Nature Reserve;
- The work of Teignbridge District Council;
- Devon Trading Standards.

We also held another most enjoyable Barn Dance to "Red Shed" at the end of November.

1.2 Committee meetings : seven.

1.3 Current membership 351 [343 last year].

### **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 monthly lunches or coffee mornings;
- g. Liaising with our local councils and other interested bodies over matters which may affect the village, especially safety of road users on the A379;
- h. Planning for the coming 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	Bryan Weston	Arranging speakers	Gwyn Crossland
Planning	Gerry Chambers, Gill Parsons, Andy Watson, John Watson		

As ever the committee operates as a great team and I would like to express my most sincere thanks to them all.

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 and it is pleasing to have the support of so many members attending meetings and contributing to village life. 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 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Devon's Lost Heritage
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Arts & Crafts Exhibition
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Trials and tribulations of a surgeon.
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Barn Dance to "Red Shed"

**John Watson,**  
Secretary