

- publications including annual report, information leaflet and quarterly newsletters
- management of common land
- web Site www.mistertonvillage.org.uk

On top of all this you get the voluntary services of 13 parish councillors, who each attend around 20 meetings annually and work hard to provide the policy behind the abovementioned service provision, whilst representing the interests of parishioners in a host of ways.

We would also remind you that just 4.4% of the total Council tax bill goes to the Parish Council. The way it works out is as follows:

Fire Authority	4.1%
Parish Council	4.4%
Police Authority	8.9%
District Council	9.8%
County Council	72.8%
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Finally, we thought you'd be interested to know that, since 2001, we've been awarded grants totalling £97,715 from outside bodies for specific projects.

Citizen of the Year Awards

We're looking for nominations for our annual awards, one for under 18s and the other for over 18s, to be made to two people who have made an exceptional contribution to the village during 2005. The closing date for nominations is 31 December. Nominations should include the name, address and age of your nominee as well as up to 50 words with your reason for the nomination. Send your entry to the Parish Clerk, David Wright – see contact details below.

Last Word

The next newsletter will be out in the winter, in which we'll give a full update of developments since this newsletter, but don't forget our surgeries or the availability of the Clerk to the Council. You can also use the contact details below. We try to keep everyone up-to-date with significant developments using Parish News. You can also read approved minutes of meetings, etc. at the Library and Post Office, pubs, club, various shops and cafes and on the web site: www.mistertonvillage.org.uk

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We're required to publish a synopsis of the annual report and a brief summary of the accounts in one of our newsletters, and so this is the one.

Synopsis of the Annual Report

The annual report included reference to the following:

- the voluntary contribution made by parish councillors and other village helpers
- sports field matters
- summer gala
- Christmas charity distribution
- scrutiny of planning applications
- dog dirt and proposed dog waste bins
- Quality Council status – bid for
- Parish Plan implementation
- flooding problems in southeast Misterton
- future of the Victoria Institute and Village Hall
- development of the former Packett Inn site
- proposals relating to the youth and community centre site and nearby properties
- the proposed community contact point at the old co-op shop to be called 'The Misterton Centre'
- maintenance of amenity areas and the cemetery
- the decision to drop the proposal for a play area on the Grange estate
- the derelict old bank on Station Street
- Christmas illuminations.

Summary of the Accounts

We began the year with a balance of £6,791 and ended it with a closing balance of £7,125. The closing balance included an earmarked reserve of £60 collected by young people towards the cost of the Skate/BMX Park. Income during the year came to £35,414 and expenditure to £35,080. Total fixed assets amounted to £185,936.

Bye-election

Readers will be aware that the successful candidate at the bye-election on 11th August failed to take his seat, resulting in a new Casual Vacancy. We warned in a house-to-house leaflet that a second bye-election would cost a further estimated £1,500, but ten electors unconnected with the previous bye-election have successfully petitioned for another bye-election. If contested it will take place on 17th November, 2005. Incidentally, at the first bye-election, Norman Arthur White polled 161 votes and Peter Mardsen

157. Bye-elections have to be paid for by us. The cost of the two bye-elections is unbudgeted and so we'll almost certainly have to build the cost into next year's budget as increased council tax. In any case, now that this has happened, we'll have to give serious consideration to building monies into future years' budgets as a contingency to cover any further petitions for bye-elections.

Vandalism

We've decided to draw attention to the problems being caused by vandalism. So far this year, we've experienced the following:

- Sports field - kerb edgings at the ball court removed and destroyed
- Sports field – litterbin destroyed
- Sports field – water supply tap and pipe destroyed, leading to a major water leak
- Sports field – window broken in the sports pavilion
- Church Meadow – seat removed from play table (later repaired by us but see below)
- Church Meadow – all four seats stolen from play table
- Church Meadow – back of play car destroyed
- Church Meadow – Perspex feature on slide destroyed
- Windmill Garden – seat vandalised
- Victoria Institute – not our property, but vandalised building boarded-up by us on safety grounds

We're going to group the cost of all vandalism in a separate head of account when preparing the 2005/06 accounts. Readers will be able to see the cost in next year's annual report. So far this financial year we're running at £1,916.64.

Best Kept Village Competition

We've decided to enter Misterton in the 2006 CPRE Nottinghamshire Best Kept Village Competition. Depending on the population criteria used, we could find ourselves in either the 700 to 2000 category or the over 2000 category. In the former we would be competing against this year's winners and runners-up, Woodborough and Shireoaks. In the latter it would be Edwinstowe and Burton Joyce.

The judges will be looking for evidence of general community involvement. Well-maintained properties and gardens and a litter and weed-free environment generally are the main considerations.

Just to show that the competition can be won locally,

Gringley on the Hill entered the 300 to 700 category this year for the first time in many years, and walked off with the winner's award and also the best new entrant in Nottinghamshire award. They're now in the Best of Notts. final.

Council Tax

The Parish Council's Council Tax this year averages out at £22 per head of population in Misterton. A resident recently visited the Clerk and asked what she got from the Parish Council for her £22. We thought readers would be interested to hear the answer:

- the professional services of the Clerk to the Council, who deals with our administration, accountancy and fundraising
- administration, including employment overheads, office provision and equipment, insurance, postage, printing, audit, etc.
- the services of the Groundsman, who, in addition to working at the sports field, also litter picks three hours per week
- the sports field, maintained by North Notts. Landscapes Ltd., with bowling green and pavilion, cricket pitch, football pitch, changing rooms, playground, ball court and skate/bmx park
- nursery play equipment on Church Meadow
- several amenity areas, maintained by Paul Hinds Gardening Services Ltd.
- notice boards, public seats and bus shelters
- Christmas illuminations, provided by Bettrick
- ten dog waste bins soon to be provided
- Misterton Cemetery (with a small contribution by West Stockwith Parish Council), managed by Misterton & West Stockwith Joint Burial Committee and maintained by Paul Hinds Gardening Services Ltd.
- donations to several local voluntary organisations, including Five Villages First Responders, Adult Swimming Club, MAP, Playgroup, etc.
- expenditure on the Victoria Institute and Village Hall, which are not yet our responsibility but hopefully soon will be
- administration of local charities, including the annual Christmas gifts to needy people
- school crossing patrol (with a small contribution by West Stockwith Parish Council)

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