

THE Chislehurst SOCIETY

Chairman's Report for the year to 31 December 2013

I am pleased to present my report on the Society's activities in the year to 31 December 2013.

Overview

Your committee has been very active in the past year. Highlights of the year include:

- Membership: our membership has continued to rise during 2013, nearing 4,000 at the end of the year;
- Communications: we have revised the look of our regular newsletters, launched an e-newsletter, and made more use of social media to attract more younger members;
- Building: we purchased the old chapel in Queens Passage, and have agreed plans for its restoration;
- Town Team: an increasing number of successes, including obtaining £50,000 of funding from LBB for agreed improvements;
- History Group: launched in February 2013, the Society's History Group has quickly developed into a very active research group.



Members of the History Group at work at Bromley Library

Our constitution requires us to act for the benefit of Chislehurst and its residents in the three areas of planning, education and conservation. The following is a summary of our activities and achievements under each heading.

Planning and architecture

The Planning sub-committee continues to meet every four weeks to review every planning application in the Chislehurst area, to comment on them where appropriate, and to ensure that the London Borough of Bromley (LBB) is making decisions consistent with agreed policy.

We are in the midst of change, with the Government attempting to reduce the planning burden on developers. Even though these changes are more restricted for properties in the Chislehurst Conservation Area, it does mean that the sub-committee is now no longer able to review all proposed development in Chislehurst. Time will tell whether the relaxations will be permanent, or whether the economic consequences outweigh any negative consequences for the built environment in Chislehurst, and we remain vigilant on members' behalf.

Nevertheless the sub-committee reviewed 493 applications in the year, and lodged 34 objections, The sub-committee also made 46 observations, commenting on aspects of the proposed development that required modification or further explanation. Barry Redding leads an experienced and knowledgeable sub-committee of Madeline Clarke, Bob Matthews and Reg Parry.

An article in the summer edition of the *Chislehurst Report* drawing attention to the marketing of Green Belt land in Chislehurst to international investors as potential house-building plots was picked up by our local Councillors. At their request Barry Redding provided additional information on the 'scheme'. This enabled them to quickly take action to ensure LBB could protect this area of

open pasture land along Kemnal Road.

In September, LBB's Development Control Committee authorised the making of an Article 4 Direction that would take immediate effect, removing specified types of 'permitted development' over the land in question. It effectively prohibits, without prior approval of the Council, any sub-division of the land, the erection of fences and sheds and the formation of accesses, the provision of temporary buildings and use of the land for temporary uses.

As a result of a new requirement for public consultation on major development, the Society has been approached by a number of developers for comments on proposed developments in Chislehurst. We have been able to respond on those cases that we believe to be significant for Chislehurst, particularly those affecting the High Street, but we are not resourced to respond to these requests on a regular basis, nor indeed is it our responsibility to do so, and we are being cautious that we do not compromise our ability to represent our members' concerns in such cases.

The most significant single request for our assistance was in respect of the proposed development of Chislehurst Library to provide an M&S Simply Food store. If this development were to go ahead, it may have a positive impact on Chislehurst as a retail centre, and would certainly improve our library, a well-used and highly valued amenity, but there are fears about such issues as traffic, parking, school children safety etc. We communicated to members on the proposals as they emerged. While we are aware that many members would welcome the development, we know that many have concerns, and we will continue to press the consultants on behalf of all our members as the process continues.

Education/Heritage

The Society's 23rd *Environmental Awards* were a huge success. Babington House School hosted the event in May, and the Society once

again gave over £2,000 in prizes to students and schools. The subject for 2013 was *Chislehurst's Flora and Fauna*, which provided students with a wide range of opportunities, resulting in over 100 entries for our judges to consider. Babington House School was awarded the Joy Jones Award for the most winning entries among secondary schools. Red Hill won the primary school trophy, the Alun Jones Memorial Award. Thank you to Vivien Smith for leading the programme and keeping the judges in good order. A video showing shots of the judging and the entries can be found via our website.

The Schools Forum met three times in 2013, continuing to work with Chislehurst schools to our mutual benefit. We sponsored *The Mix*, an annual event held this year at the newly restored Coopers, where students from different schools in Chislehurst worked together on developing proposals to deal with local issues. Alison Stammers leads our work on schools, with assistance from Joanna Friel.

In January Joanna Friel welcomed a small group of interested Society members to the inaugural meeting of the Society's History Group. The group meets monthly. Its focus is on initiating and undertaking research, and



Two prizewinners in the senior section

such has been its success that it is currently at capacity. Its output in the first year is impressive:

- Significant pieces of research have been undertaken at Mead Road and Bullers Wood Schools;
- A High Street Heritage Trail was published;
- Over 1,000 historic images have been made available on our website;
- A £6,900 Heritage Lottery Fund grant was received to restore the 19thC Camden Park Estate Plan, which was then taken round local groups, including an audience of over 100 at Christchurch in December;
- A plaque to Sir John Lubbock was unveiled by Lord Avebury in Lubbock Road;
- Joanna spoke at Coopers opening of their restored 18thC mansion house;
- A £400 grant received from Kent based Allan Grove Trust to run *Chislehurst Chillers*, Children's spooky history stories, was followed up by a Christmas event, so that we now have a small band of junior local historians;
- Two new books were published, including *Chislehurst Through Time*, which has already sold over 250 copies locally.

Further research is in progress, including the history of Chislehurst and West Kent Cricket Club. The History Group has its own page on the Society's website.

We have agreed to provide a grant towards the restoration of the historically important Walsingham hatchments in the Sydney Chapel at St Nicholas Church.

Four afternoon talks were held in 2013 for members, with increasing numbers attending them. Subjects this year included: Famous local writers, Willow Wildlife, the work done at Marjorie McClure School, and Conservation work at the Pettswood and Hawkwood

Estate. Thank you to Liz Abels and her team for arranging the talks; details of the 2014 programme is on our website.

Conservation

We are in the course of recruiting someone to lead on our conservation portfolio, and would welcome enquiries from anyone interested in working with us in this area. In the meantime, most of our work on conservation of our unbuilt environment is done through providing grants to local organisations undertaking their own works.

We have agreed to part fund work by the National Trust on the paths along Kyd Brook, which are in desperate need of repair and reconstruction. The wet weather has meant that work has been deferred until the Spring, and, hopefully, drier conditions.

We also funded work undertaken by a group of interested commuters at Elmstead Woods station garden, and funded the completion of Green-prints wildlife garden at Coopers School.

Tony McClarty continues to lead a small but dedicated team who meet every other month to deal with graffiti and litter in and around the Commons. Six events were held during the year,

including on two occasions being joined by members of the 6th Mottingham Scout Troop. The Society continues to attend residents' meetings at Coopers, though efforts to reduce the litter around the nearby Commons have had limited success. We are aware that the anti-litter group has not been so active in recent months, and we are working to see if we can support a pan-Chislehurst programme to address litter issues. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact us.

Members will be aware that the Town Team has been very active during 2013.

The Team is a joint venture between the Society and the Chislehurst Business Group. Its overall objective is to help the High Street (and Belmont Parade) improve its appeal to become a destination of choice for shopping, leisure and social events. Committee member Alison Stammers chairs the Team and deservedly became the *Daily Telegraph's* **High Street Champion of the Year**. Mary Portas presented Alison with the award, and expressed her admiration for her work and that of her team.

The Team's activities have been reported regularly in *Chislehurst Report*, and on our website and the *Visit Chislehurst* website. A summary of its activities is shown opposite.

We also continue to monitor policing and traffic issues in Chislehurst

Policing in Chislehurst

Radical alternatives to our existing policing arrangements were considered by the Metropolitan Police, and for a while it looked as though Chislehurst would have no fixed police presence. In the end, the changes were less dramatic, and involved Chislehurst police clustering, i.e. sharing responsibilities with those in other wards. This is intended to increase the amount of time the police are 'on the beat' rather than behind a desk, while containing costs.

We were concerned enough last year to ask for the issues to be aired at our AGM, and we included the details in *Chislehurst Report*. We



Out to see the turning on of the Christmas lights.

Town Team activities in 2013

There were a number of successes:

- *Funding: The team secured nearly £50,000 of grant money for improvements for both the High Street & Belmont Parade, for a range of purposes including Christmas lights;*
- *Communications: An independent website and social media were launched – Visit Chislehurst – a clear and distinctive branding, now seen across the High Street;*
- *Parking: We were able to persuade LBB of the benefits of reducing parking charges in our car parks, to attract all day parking back to our car parks from side streets;*
- *Decluttering: unnecessary furniture and signs have been or are being removed; incorrect signage has been replaced; unsightly cycle racks have been replaced. LBB have promised that existing posts, railings, bollards etc. will be repainted where necessary this year;*
- *Street Cleaning: This is now better co-ordinated, and we regularly report any defect items, litter or graffiti issues to LBB or utility companies for rapid action;*
- *Retail: The Farmers' Market moved to its new location in the Red Cross car park, and is more accessible and attractive as a result, and better able to expand;*
- *Library Garden: We planted up the waste space next to the library into a little garden with thanks to Coolings, the Chislehurst Society, and Thomson Garden Centre;*
- *Christmas Lights: The team supported the very successful Christmas lights event;*
- *High Street Trees: We continue to work with LBB on tree issues – we have a number of diseased trees, some requiring remedial work while others need replacing.*

But inevitably there were frustrations:

- *Traffic: While a new filter light was installed in an attempt to get a few more cars through from Willow Grove, the position is far from satisfactory, and we are keeping pressure on LBB to undertake a proper traffic flow study, from which we hope to be able to develop a better traffic management plan for the town centre;*
- *Long term empty shops: Most of the High Street is owned by a few private landlords. While we have a good relationship with some, we have, despite our efforts, little or no relationship at all with others, particularly those who have long-term empty units. We have sought the help of LBB to see if we can get untidy site orders but again without success. Council officers are actively trying to communicate with the landlords;*
- *Shop Fronts: A draft Design Guide for shop frontages was produced in 2013 to help get quality frontages on the High Street, but has not yet been adopted by LBB.*

We are aware that the impact of budget cuts and efficiency measures is making it difficult for everyone to deliver the level and speed of service they would like. This is frustrating for everyone. We urge the senior leadership at LBB to encourage different ways of engaging with organisations like ours.

Having said that, some individual members of LBB's own Town Centre Team have been extremely supportive and their help in navigating the labyrinths of LBB has been invaluable. Likewise our own Councillors have engaged positively with us in the last year to lend their support.

It has been very encouraging and satisfying to see so many people who live and work in and near the High Street being prepared to assist with their time to make these changes happen.

Many thanks to all those involved in this important initiative!

welcome Sgt. Gary Schofield to Chislehurst, who will have to make the new arrangements work for us all. Meanwhile we continue to review the position. Christine Barrett attends Safer Neighbourhood Team meetings and reports to the committee on a regular basis.

Traffic

Roger Lawson continues to lead on traffic and transport matters. In the last year, the two major achievements were:

- Obtaining changes to the parking charges in the off-street car parks so that all day parking is cheaper and hence to encourage less on-street parking in residential roads;
- Supporting planning approval for a new car park on derelict land to the west of Chislehurst Station to help commuters.

We have also spent considerable time on trying to reduce the traffic queues at the Willow Grove traffic lights (High Street junction) and looking at how traffic flows in Chislehurst might generally be improved (and the safety of roads on the Commons improved), although progress has been slow due to on-going road works delaying traffic reviews.

We can only achieve our charitable objects if we have a good membership base, and manage our assets and finances effectively. I report here on how we have done this.

Membership

There has been a continued increase in our membership over the last year. Membership numbers increased by 4.5% during the year to 3,964, the highest number for many years, and the number of households with members increased to 2,337.

Thanks are due to Tony McClarty, our Membership Secretary, who has worked hard on increasing membership numbers. He continues to attract new road stewards to replace those retiring or leaving the area; indeed there has been a small rise so that we now have 140 road stewards, who together provide an invaluable service to the Society

and its members in collecting subscriptions, delivering publications, and acting as the local point of contact for communication to and from members. Most new members apply for membership online, and benefit from free membership in the first year.

Communications to members

We embarked on a campaign to improve our communications to members, including the regular issue of a new e-newsletter. To date we have 953 email addresses, accounting for just over 40% of household members.

2013 saw the coincidence of the 100th edition of *Cockpit*, and the 50th edition of *The Chislehurst Report*. To reflect this significant milestone we revamped the layout, which resulted in both publications being combined into one, back to back. We will continue with this layout in 2014 while we collect feedback from members. We were delighted that Lizzy de Maid offered to assist us in the production of our newsletters, and in launching our Facebook page, which is already well used. We have 600 followers on *Twitter*, and our website, which was commended in London Forum's biannual *Walter Bor Awards*, continues to attract increasing numbers of visitors, with 102,000 visits in 2013. In January 2014 there were 11,600 visitors to the site, averaging 375 per day. Our website is crammed with information about the history of Chislehurst, its people and environment, as well as up to date information on current news and events. There are more than 1,000 online images of Chislehurst in the Society's *Ribbons Collection*, which recognises the generosity of Peter Ribbons who has loaned us his remarkable collection of images of Chislehurst and its people.

Financial

We were very fortunate to have been able to recruit Colin Martin as our Treasurer in late 2012. He keeps us on the financial straight and narrow, and chairs our investment committee.

We manage our affairs prudently, and our basic administration costs are covered by

members' subscriptions. Some additional costs have been incurred in the year in relation to setting up our office in the Old Chapel, and these have all been written off this year. Grants paid or committed were slightly lower than expected, so that overall we broke even in cash terms. However, our investments performed well during 2013 as financial markets surged, and the £76,000 increase in market value during the year has been added to reserves.

We have allocated some of this to our premises fund to cover the costs of repair and refurbishment, and some of the expected costs of fitting out the building.

We have also taken the opportunity to establish an environmental contingency fund, which will be available as grants to managers of our open spaces who need speedy access to funds to cover the costs of unexpected works caused by our erratic weather. The policy for making this fund available has been communicated to those likely to be permitted to use it.

We are fortunate among Civic Societies in having reserves that enable us to give financial support to local projects. Lesley Pullar chairs our grants committee and is currently leading a new initiative to develop a more regular pipeline of grant applications from a wider range of local groups. If you are involved with a local group, including residents' associations, and have projects that you think could benefit

from the Society's support, please let us know.

Property

We purchased the Old Chapel in Queens Passage in March 2013 using money left to us by Charles Dunn. Committee member Derek Nash is expertly leading our work here. We were fully aware that the main building was in a poor state, requiring significant work, but:

- Charles Dunn had left us sufficient funds to buy the property and undertake repairs;
- The chapel is in an almost ideal location;
- It will provide office and meeting space for the Society, community space for local groups, and office space to provide regular rental income to offset costs;
- It has enabled us to renovate a building of some historical interest in Chislehurst.

We have now agreed a programme of repair and improvement, which has been widely publicised. We have now received planning consent from LBB. The works should be completed in the current year. When finished, the refurbished building will, we believe, be seen as an attractive part of Chislehurst's built environment and be a valuable community asset.

People

As ever, the Society would not be able to do anything without people to do it. I am very grateful to those members who have contributed their time and talents to helping us



*The Old Chapel:
Front elevation
of the planned
refurbished
building*

during 2013. The executive committee is now full of energetic and talented members, who make the life of a chairman so much easier. I would also like to thank a growing group of 'Friends of the Committee,' who help out when more resources are needed, and those who help with the History Group, Town Team, Members' meetings and other events.

We took the decision this year to recruit a part-time administration assistant. We had so many high quality applicants, and we appointed Sarah-Jane Hickman to the post in December. Sarah is already making a very valuable contribution, freeing up the time of committee members, and keeping us in order. Christine Wearn is the committee member who leads on our administration and oversees Sarah's work.

Terry Baskett resigned as chair of the planning sub-committee at the beginning of 2013, and from the executive committee. We are pleased that Professor Barry Redding has taken over that role. New committee members Christine Wearn and Joanna Friel were also welcomed at last year's AGM. This year Lizzy de Maid was co-opted onto the committee to enhance our publications and communications, and will be nominated to join the executive committee at our AGM.

Roy Hopper has been on the Society's executive committee for longer than most people can remember. He has worked tirelessly, not only on local history matters – he has been



editor of *Cockpit* for over 20 years, and his name is synonymous with Chislehurst local history in many people's minds – but also acting as the Society's representative on the Board of the Trustees of the

Commons and the Pettswood and Hawkwood National Trust Committee.

Roy has decided that he has had enough of committee work, and is not seeking re-election at this year's AGM. We are delighted however that he will remain actively involved with our History Group, and that he has agreed to become its first Honorary President. I would like to thank Roy personally for all the help he has given me, and on behalf of us all for his role in maintaining the reputation of the Chislehurst Society.

Thanks also go to Frances Follin, who has found that she is now too busy with business ventures to be able to continue on our committee. Frances may not have had such a high public profile as Roy, but she has been a committee member for over 20 years, and we are fortunate that she has been able to assist us as an invaluable editor-in-chief of our publications for much of that time.

2014 – The Great War centenary

One final and rather sombre thought as we move towards the centenary of the start of the Great War. The War touched the lives of just about everyone in Chislehurst. Most of the many local men who died during the years of the war are remembered on our war memorials, and their families bore a heavy price for their bravery. There were many others who deserve to be remembered, including the many Chislehurst women who looked after the wounded men who started to arrive here in convoys of ambulances in October 1914, and the owners of houses who gave them up to be used as hospitals for the wounded. Chislehurst's role in caring for repatriated wounded soldiers, allied and enemy alike – including the ground-breaking work in plastic surgery undertaken at Queen Mary's Hospital by Dr. Gillies and his team – must not be overlooked. Our History Group will be leading our efforts to highlight the remarkable courage and resilience of our forebears as we remember those terrible years between now and 2018.

Trustees' Annual report

THE CHISLEHURST SOCIETY is a Registered Charity, No 298413, with principal address at The Old Chapel, Queens Passage, Chislehurst, Kent BR7 5AP, and is established under a Constitution adopted in February 1989.

Trustees (and members of the executive committee) during 2013 and up to the date of this report were:

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| Tony Allen (Chairman) | Frances Follin |
| Lesley Pullar (Vice-Chairman) | Joanna Friel |
| Derek Nash (Secretary) | Roy Hopper |
| Colin Martin (Treasurer) | Elizabeth Howard (co-opted January 2014) |
| Tony McClarty (Membership Secretary) | Roger Lawson |
| Liz Abels | Barry Redding |
| Christine Barrett | Alison Stammers |
| Terry Baskett (until February 2013) | Christine Wearn |

The Officers relinquish their office every year but are eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting; one half of the other (longest serving) members retire at the AGM, and are also eligible for re-election. The Custodian Trustees for the Access Drive are Messrs Chapman, Parry, Saxby and Turner (see Note in the Accounts).

Objectives and achievements

The Society's objects are to promote high standards of planning and architecture in Chislehurst, to educate the public in the geography, history, natural history and architecture of Chislehurst, and to secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of historic, environmental or public interest in Chislehurst.

Our planning committee continues to scrutinise all applications for development in Chislehurst; new rules introduced by the Government have resulted in some, mainly smaller, developments without planning permission.

We have switched to having thrice-yearly joint publications. A local history group formed in 2013 is producing a steady stream of new information about our past. Our website continues to be popular, with more than 100,000 visits to the site in 2013. We continue our series of regular free meetings for members on a range of local subjects. The Society's Environmental Awards reached its 23rd year, and we again supported the annual Big Draw.

We continue to play a major supporting role in developing plans and action for improving Chislehurst Town Centre providing financial and personnel support for the Town Team which oversees the programme.

Grants to local organisations, mainly in the area of protecting the environment, and other affiliations, totalled £21,107. Given the appalling weather suffered in the first two months of 2014, we have re-established an environmental contingency fund available to managers of open spaces and woodland to draw down funds quickly for emergency repair and restoration.

Financial Review

With continued low interest rates during 2013, the Trustees have continued to reduce the Society's cash deposits, and fixed income funds, transferring funds into higher yielding investment funds. The value of our investments increased by 9.6% in 2013 as stock markets continued to improve.

Efforts to maintain and increase our membership have again yielded positive results, with individual membership nearing 4,000 – the highest level for many years.

In early 2013 the Society used part of the legacy from Charles Dunn, a former member, to purchase the Old Chapel in Queens Passage. It was clear at the time of purchase that substantial repair and renovation would be needed on this historic building, and the programme for development will use the remainder of the bequest. Once restored, the building will be available as the Society's headquarters and as a community meeting space.

Our reserves policy remains unchanged: we need to retain sufficient reserves to generate a regular income to supplement our modest subscription income and enable us to finance our objectives. Our current reserves are considered large enough to give financial support to local schemes whose activities meet the Society's objectives as laid out in our constitution, and to meet the costs associated with delivering this support.

This Report was approved by the Trustees on 19 March 2014 and signed on their behalf by:

A. S. Allen, Chairman

C. L. Martin, Treasurer

Notes to the Accounts

Note 1: Final distribution of Charles Dunn legacy bequeathed to the Society.

Note 2: Equipment fixtures and fittings and stocks of books and materials are expensed in the year of acquisition.

Note 3: Funds for the repair of the Old Chapel are held on interest-bearing deposit account.

Note 4: Investments comprise COIF Investment Fund Income units and Fixed Interest units.

Note 5: A freehold access drive off Lubbock Road, Chislehurst is being retained indefinitely for environmental reasons, to enable enforcement of a covenant restricting development to one dwelling on land previously owned by the Society. With no cost available and valuation methods lacking reliability, the Trustees place no value on it.

Note 6: Designated funds include: Grants fund, for local environmental purposes and the Society's Awards; Environmental Contingency Fund, to meet the cost of responding to immediate threats to the local environment; Premises Fund, for purchase of premises under the terms of the will of Charles Dunn; Unspent grants received.

Grants and Affiliation fees:

A total of £21,107 was committed to local bodies for specific purposes in the furtherance of the Society's charitable objects:

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|---------------------------------------|--------|
| St Nicholas Church | £8,196 |
| Pettswood and Hawkwood National Trust | 7,945 |
| Elmstead Wood Station Garden | 2,000 |
| Willow Wildlife | 1,500 |
| The Big Draw | 900 |
| Chislehurst Library Garden | 66 |

Smaller donations and affiliation fees totalling £500 were paid to institutions such as The British Legion, Council for the Preservation of Rural England, London Borough of Bromley Residents' Federation, The London Forum, and Kent History Federation.

The accounts on page 11, and the notes above, having been reviewed by the Independent Examiner, were approved by the Trustees on 19 March 2014, and signed on their behalf by:

A. S. Allen, Chairman

C. L. Martin, Treasurer

Statement of Financial Activity for the year ended 31 December 2013

| (for notes to the accounts see page 10) | Notes | 2013 | 2012 |
|---|--------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Receipts | | | |
| Voluntary | | | |
| Members' subscriptions & donations (inc. tax reclaimed) | | £10,453 | £10,623 |
| Legacies | Note 1 | Nil | 33,651 |
| Investment income | | 43,700 | 62,857 |
| Grants received | | 6,610 | Nil |
| Charitable activities | | | |
| Promotional sales (net) | | 268 | 325 |
| Total receipts | | 61,031 | 107,456 |
| Expenses | Note 2 | | |
| Costs of generating funds | | | |
| Voluntary income | | 2,194 | 1,186 |
| Charitable activities | | | |
| Grants to third parties | | 21,107 | 16,102 |
| Planning/conservation | | 3,913 | 5,353 |
| Publications and local studies | | 6,170 | 5,837 |
| Expenditure against grants received | | 4,482 | Nil |
| Environmental Awards | | 2,633 | 3,370 |
| Governance Costs | | 20,209 | 10,858 |
| Total expenses | | 60,708 | 42,616 |
| Surplus for the year | | 323 | 64,840 |
| Gains on investments, unrealised | | 76,005 | 52,463 |
| Accumulated funds b/fwd | | 1,598,248 | 1,480,945 |
| Accumulated funds c/fwd | | £1,674,576 | £1,598,248 |

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2013

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| Cash and short term deposits | | £25,352 | £68,622 |
| Fixed term deposits | Note 3 | 251,987 | 723,917 |
| Debtors | | Nil | 13,500 |
| Investments (at market value) | Note 4 | 928,469 | 792,305 |
| Buildings (at cost) | | 484,909 | Nil |
| Heritage property | Note 5 | Nil | Nil |
| Creditors | | (16,141) | (95) |
| Net assets | | £1,674,576 | £1,598,248 |

The Funds of the Society (including funds designated for particular purposes)

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|---|--------|-------------------|-------------------|
| General Fund | | £171,691 | £160,470 |
| Grants Fund | Note 6 | 703,861 | 703,861 |
| Environmental Contingency Fund | | 35,000 | Nil |
| Premises Fund (restricted) | | 761,896 | 733,917 |
| Grants received, not spent (restricted) | | 2,128 | Nil |
| Total Funds | | £1,674,576 | £1,598,248 |

THE CHISLEHURST SOCIETY
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
and
OPEN MEETING
on
Tuesday 29 April 2014
7.00 pm in the Methodist Church
Prince Imperial Road, Chislehurst

AGENDA

- 1 Reception, with local groups' stalls and presentations (from 7.00 pm)
- 2 Introduction and welcome by the chairman (7.30 pm)
- 3 Apologies for absence
- 4 Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 25 April 2013
- 5 Presentation of the Annual Report and Accounts for 2013
- 6 Opportunity for members to raise questions on the Annual Report
- 7 Appointment of Independent Examiner
- 8 Appointment of Officers
- 9 Election of members of the executive committee
- 10 Closure of formal Annual General Meeting. (by 8.00 pm)
- 11 Presentations and open discussion: Working Together in Chislehurst

Note: Only members of the Society are entitled to vote or speak at the Annual General Meeting.

The officers of the Society, and approximately one-half of the executive committee, are elected annually. Under the Charities Act 1993, persons elected are required to be acceptable as trustees. Nominations to serve as officers or members of the executive committee should be made in accordance with the Constitution of the Society. It is convenient, but not essential, for nominations to be made on the forms available. These may be obtained from the Secretary, The Old Chapel, Queens Passage, Chislehurst, Kent BR7 5AP

Tel: 020 8467 0900

email: membership@chislehurst-society.org.uk

Copies of the documents contained in this report, and the Independent Examiner's Report, are available on our website: www.chislehurst-society.org.uk

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