



ANNUAL REPORT 2003 – 2004

Welcome to the first Annual Report issued by Mawnan Parish Council. It is hoped that this annual sheet will give you some insight into the work and the achievements of the Council during the last 12 months. It will also outline how we intend to spend our income next year.

2003/2004 was an extremely busy year for the Council. Following elections in May 2003 the new Council met for the first time in May, six councillors were re-elected and four new councillors were elected to serve on the council until 2007.

Throughout the year, the Council has tried to improve the quality of facilities in the Parish and has worked with the County Council to maintain and improve over 150km of paths. It has also worked closely with Kerrier District Council to refurbish the public toilets and to install a disabled toilet. Perhaps its greatest achievements were our Parish Paths Leaflet and through its work as Trustees, the long awaited refurbishment of the Junior Playing Field.

There is much work for the Council to do. It is aware that there are growing traffic problems in the village, that there is a need for local affordable housing in the village as well as other community needs. I hope you will continue to support your Parish Council in its work and look forward to welcoming you to a Council meeting in the future.

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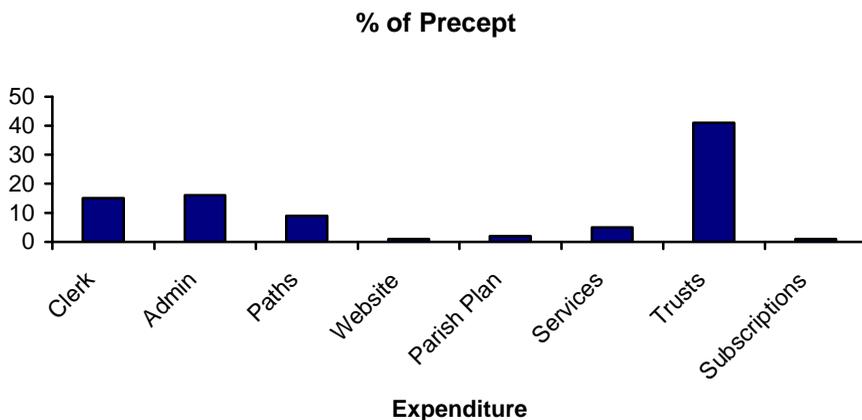
Cllr Denis Gartside
Chairman
Mawnan Parish Council

Where Does the Money Come From and How Is It Spent?

The Parish Council's main source of income is through your Council Tax. Each year on your Council Tax demand from the district council there will be an item for the Parish Council. This money pays for all the work carried out by the Council on your behalf. It is public money and the Council is very aware of spending it carefully and it tries at all times to make sure that the parish receives value for money.

The money is spent on many different services from maintaining the paths, verges and fields, to training Councillors and yes, management. The amount of administration has increased because of the changes in Local Government, which charge Parish Councils to be actively engaged in policies, consultations and decisions which will affect the local community. Without this, we would have no local voice.

In spite of this, last year over 50% of the rates were donated to local charities and organisations.



Carwinion Playing Field Trust and Junior Playing Field Trust

The Parish Council spends nearly half of its income in supporting these two recreation facilities in the village. The Carwinion Playing Field Trust is the home of the village's sporting teams and is available as an open space to all parishioners. During 2004/5 the Trust hopes to be able to work with these groups

and the Mawnan Community Association to improve the facilities both on and off the field for the benefit of all.

The Junior Playing Field has seen the benefit of several new pieces of playground equipment during the year and it is hoped that with the support of the Council, more equipment will be installed during 2004. The field is a focal point of the villages for young children and it is hoped to make the facility even more popular by improving access, installing a sensory garden and by making more tables and chairs available.

Looking Forward to 2004

The Council looks forward to a productive year, working with all sectors of the community within the village. Additional plans include the following initiatives.

- Gaining Quality Status
- Preparing a Parish Plan – a parish wide consultation on the future needs of Mawnan Smith.
- Restoring the Cornish Hedge and footpath at the Junior Playing Field
- Further improving the facilities at the Junior Playing Field including the purchase of additional play equipment, extra seating and tables.
- Discussions with users of the Carwinion Playing Field working to enhance facilities for all.
- Installing traffic calming measures in the village, in particular around the school on Grove Hill.
- ‘Mawnan in Bloom’ a project to brighten up the centre of the village with additional planting and hanging baskets.
- Supporting the Mawnan First Response Unit to provide emergency first aid including a defibrillator

Creating a Parish Plan

Mawnan Parish Council would like to work with the community in the development of a Parish Plan. So What is It?

- It's a consultation exercise to get the views of anyone interested in the future of Mawnan Smith
- You will be asked to take part in discussion groups, surveys, special events and smaller meetings to voice your views about the needs of the parish
- Everyone in the parish will receive a copy
- Individual groups will be able to use the Plan when make grant applications to justify a need.
- The Parish Council can use it to work with the District and County Council in making improvements in their services to the community.

What We Achieved This Year

- Assisting in obtaining grants of £23,000 and refurbished the Junior Playing Field.
- Produced and published the Mawnan Parish Footpath and Visitor Guide. 8000 printed and distributed in 2003 and a further 10,000 copies available in 2004.
- Maintained all Parish footpaths and cut all parish owned fields and verges.
- Consultees on over 80 planning applications. We held 30 site meetings to view the plans onsite to ensure a proper response on behalf of the community.
- Established a parish website www.mawnansmith.org.uk to serve the community
- Consultation with Devon and Cornwall Police and other bodies on traffic calming initiatives.
- Preliminary discussions on implementing a Parish Plan

Who Are Mawnan Parish Council?

Mawnan Parish Council is an elected body, and there are 10 Parish Councillors. The Council meets on the third Thursday of every month except August and the meetings are advertised on the Parish notice board situated in front of the doctors' surgery.

You are welcome to attend any meeting of the Council or its Committees where there is an opportunity for you to question your council and contribute to the decision making.

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