



## November News Letter

### Thanks to Pauline Hey

Pauline has decided to step back from Go Green to devote more time to her many other interests. However, she will continue to liaise with the CBC on P3 matters. Pauline is thanked for all her work as secretary and it is hoped she will again take an active part sometime in the future.

### The Go Green Group and P3 (Parish Projects Partnership)

Alexe Rose is responsible for overseeing the activities of P3 groups within the CBC area and has agreed to attend the January Go Green meeting. When responding to Go Green's invitation Alex said:

'I would be happy to provide advice on the group's activities and to look at how you are set-up in relation to what you may need in the future. I think you have all done a great job to accomplish the amount you have so far. In January it might be a good time to assess what you have done, lesson learnt etc. and I can provide a different opinion external of the group which may help you decide what the next project is. It would be useful if you could all think about what Go Green is to you as a group and what you would like to do in the future. For example do you want to continue to deliver small projects with little or no funding i.e. the Big tidy up or would you as a group like to do more larger environmental projects that may require additional support. What is your membership like? – have you members that just want to help out on practical tasks and others that would be more willing to help with paperwork or committee?'

### Sand Quarry Talk

A special meeting was arranged during November at which David Hawkridge gave an interesting insight into the location and state of play as regards the many quarries which surround Heath and Reach. Following on from this Go Green is considering arranging an evening event next year based on the quarries. The sorts of ideas being put forward for inclusion are:

- Some history as well as the present situation
- Flora and fauna
- Reclamation
- The Sandhouse Nature Reserve
- The evening to include a slide show

The pond in the reserve



- Help may be requested from the quarry operators and Greensand Trust
- The idea will be revisited after January's meeting.

If you have any ideas or suggestions about this or would like to help, please let us know

### **Travellers' Site**

At its November meeting Go Green expressed its support for and confidence in the current actions being taken to preserve the Green Belt.

### **Bus stop shelters**

Two "bus shelter guardian angels" (Wendy Walsh and Mark Adams) have volunteered to keep an eye on the shelters at the Barn and the Co- Op respectively and villagers have remarked on how good the shelters now look. Does anyone want to look after the other two shelters near The Cock?

The Hawkridges have said they will pick litter along Gig Lane when out walking.

If anyone else can do a little bit to help tidy up our village, or at least the bit outside their home, it all helps.



### **Next Year's Spring Clean Event.**

It has been decided to go ahead with plans for an anti- litter campaign next year and to include a big tidy up of the byways and the Millennium Garden. Some ideas put forward are a poster/poetry/essay competition for school children, and to seek help from the Scouts. Any other suggestion to help make the event a success and to achieve a lasting improvement in the tidiness of the village would be welcomed.

### **Millennium Garden**

A small group of volunteers helped with bulb and other plantings in late October. Some weeding and clearing was also carried out. Following Pauline Hey's decision to take on less Terry Ellis has taken over responsibility for organising working parties and has contacted those volunteers already on the mailing list to establish if they have a preference for weekend or mid-week dates. Any additional help will be most welcome and Terry can be contacted on [terry\\_ellis@btconnect.com](mailto:terry_ellis@btconnect.com).

### **10. The Parish Projects Partnership (P3) Matters and New Year Guided walk**

The opening of the bridleway around the edge of Reach Lane Quarry continues to be delayed. On a more positive note, Webb's Way is expected to be opened early in the New Year. This path will link Eastern Way with Miletree Road.



Gate to Webb's Way from Eastern Way

There is good news for walkers and nature lovers whose fondness for wildlife does not extend to larger animals. A new gate has been installed in Overend Green Lane at the layby between its junction with Bryants Lane and Woburn Road allowing access to the Sandhouse footpath at this point. Walkers can now avoid the fields with the horses and cattle in them on their way to and from the Sandhouse Nature Reserve.

The hole that has developed in the footpath alongside Bryant's Lane

Quarry Path is to be fenced off rather than filled in. This is the spot where there used to be a pond and is the site of a fallen Black Poplar.

The P3 New Year walk is scheduled for 2 January and is being titled "The Countryside in Winter". Chris Christoforou will be leading the walk and pointing out places, flora and fauna at regular stops along the route. Regulars on the P3 walks will be notified by email and posters are being displayed around the village.

#### **Website.**

Richard Beilby has set up the Go Green website; [www.gogreenhr.org.uk](http://www.gogreenhr.org.uk).

Valerie Crowther [valeriecrowther@btinternet.com] is adding content and would welcome feedback and suggestions. She is gradually learning how it works and says the appearance of it will improve.

## **Next Meeting**

Go Green's next meeting is to be held on 31 January 2012 in

19 Thomas Street at 7.30pm

*Please note the change of venue*

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