

EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

ended 31st March 2009

Year Ended 31 March 08		Year Ended 31 March 09
	INCOME:	
278,759	Precept	290,000
nil	Agency Services	nil
nil	Loans / Capital Receipts	nil
7,400	Interest on Investments	4,557
500	Allotment Rents	1,509
3,392	Other Rents	3,924
3,008	Burial Ground Fees	3,500
3,254	Sports Fields Lettings	3,169
76,488	Grants	32,500
nil	Vat	nil
nil	Donations	nil
150	Wayleaves	153
754	Miscellaneous Income	2,631
nil	Sales of Assets	nil
£ 373,705	TOTAL INCOME	£ 341,943
	EXPENDITURE:	
51,255	General Administration	45,354
nil	Agency Services	nil
2,930	Section 137 Payments	3,300
nil	Capital Schemes	nil
	Running Costs:-	
53,898	Burial Ground	58,668
75,161	Sports Fields	74,144
639	Welfare Hall House	1,567
2,090	Playgrounds	861
124,381	Village Environment	50,779
72,000	Community Hall	186,019
nil	Provision for Doubtful Debts	72,000
nil	Interest on Long Term Debts	nil
£ 382,354	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£ 306,673

WHAT'S ON AT THE GLEBE CENTRE IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

Ivengar Yoga Every Friday 9.45-11.15. £3.15 per session, everyone welcome.

Xmas Panto Aladdin Wednesday 25th November, contact Glebe Centre reception for further details.

Nominal Price £1

Heritage Weekend Saturday and Sunday 7th & 8th November. A marvellous display of photographs and memorabilia.

Senior Citizens Xmas Party Friday 17th December Nominal Price £1

Live entertainment from the Mister Sisters, bingo, raffle and two course christmas lunch.

Contact the Glebe Centre reception from 1st December on 01915208650 for a ticket.

Murton Cricket Club Starting on Thursday 12th November at 6pm in The Glebe Centre Coaches from the club will be training under 13s with a view to entering youth teams in league next season.

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MURTON PARISH COUNCIL



Annual Report 2008/2009

The Annual Report provides me with an opportunity to take stock of the last twelve months. Firstly I wish to thank the previous Chairman, Cllr. Tom Pinkney for all his hard work and commitment as Chairman over his six months in office.

One of the most significant changes within local government in the area has now taken place. On April 1st both Durham County and Easington District Councils ceased to exist and were replaced by the new Unitary Council Durham County Council. Moreover new Area Action Partnerships have been established and Murton Parish Council is now within an East Durham Partnership, the launch event was held on May 11th.

Our aim continues to be to give residents information about the Parish Council and the services which we provide, how we are rising to the challenges ahead, and how we will focus on community needs and quality services for the next year. This helps to ensure that the Council continues to be responsible and answerable to the electorate.

The Parish Council has recently undertaken the necessary training in order to take advantage of the new power of Well Being. This is a result of very recent legislation and enables this council to undertake work/projects of social and environmental benefit to the community without any limitations-as in the past.

There have been a number of issues which have dominated the last Council year. Firstly the long awaited Village Green Improvement Scheme which is now completely finished and we are all delighted with the overall result. For the first year a Christmas Tree was erected on the Village Green and the Parish Council purchased new lights and a special Switch on was held. This proved to be extremely popular and the tree will be erected again this Christmas.

The Parish Council continues to work with Murton Welfare Association over the year to provide various events. Last year over 200 people took advantage of the organised coach trips: Summer months Flamingo Land for children and Scarborough/Whitby for OAPs. There was also 2 buses to Leeds for the annual christmas market. The November pantomime was Sleeping Beauty and last but not least we had the Christmas OAPs party served with hot meal, entertainment and bingo.

The Glebe Centre, in the heart of our community, continues to flourish and provides a marvellous facility of which we can

all be proud. Various activities were held in the centre during the year and during school holidays there was a comprehensive programme of activities for the younger children.

There are other new initiatives which we are currently striving to achieve in the village, notable the new multi purpose community sports facility, we will keep you up to date with these planned improvements in our future newsletters.

In closing, I would once again like to record my thanks and appreciation to all Murton Parish Councillors for the support and help they have given me over the last six months. My thanks also go to the Parish and Welfare Association staff for their commitment, hard work and dedication to providing a cleaner, healthier environment for us all to live and work in.



J. Maitland
Chairman.

Murton Parish Council

The Parish Council Offices are at the Glebe Centre, Durham Place, Murton, Seaham, Co Durham SR7 9BX. Tel No. 0191 5208651, and Fax No. 0191 5208651. Email address: murtonpc@hotmail.com. The Parish office is open 9.00a.m. to 5.00p.m., Monday to Friday.

Murton Parish Council was established by the Local Government Act 1894, and held its first ever meeting in a classroom at Murton Colliery School, on Tuesday 4th December 1894

The Council and its Committees

The full Council oversees all the activities of the Council. The main areas of the Council's work are covered by a number of Committees. These are Finance, Health & Safety and Executive & General Purpose.

The Council meets at 7.00 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month. Meetings of the Finance and Health & Safety Committees take place four times a year. Other Committees meet by agreement. Members of the public are welcome to attend any meeting. Notices of these meetings are displayed in the Parish Notice Boards and in the Glebe Centre.

PARISH COUNCILLORS

Murton Parish Councillors represent the two wards in the village. They are normally elected every four years. The last election was in May 2007.

East Ward

Councillor Julie Griffiths
 27 Harrogate Terrace, Murton
 Councillor Joyce Maitland
 31 Mathews Road, Murton
 Councillor Derek Gibson
 2 West Ave, Murton
 Councillor Susan Harrison
 3 Truro Avenue, Murton
 Councillor Maureen Haswell
 21 Beech Avenue, Murton
 Councillor Ricky Kelly
 3 Oak Terrace, Murton
 Councillor Mark Ludlam
 11 Coronation Street West, Murton
 Councillor Mervyn Ludlam
 11 Coronation Street West, Murton
 Councillor George Maitland
 31 Mathews Road, Murton
 Councillor Paul Penman
 5 South View, Murton
 Councillor Tom Pinkney
 21 St. Ives Place, Murton

West Ward

Councillor Ann Cowley
 8 Winds Lonnen, Murton
 Councillor Margaret Errington
 34 Station Est. South, Murton
 Councillor Gary Lormor
 3 Melrose Ave, Murton
 Councillor Greg Farn
 2 Church Lane North., Murton
 Councillor Hazel Napier
 Moor View, The Village, Murton
 Councillor Victoria McDowell
 33 Broadoaks, Murton
 Councillor Marshall Wylde
 16 Station Estate South, Murton
 Councillor Gordon Rennoldson
 48 Webb Avenue, Murton

Offices

The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Chairmen of the various Council Committees are elected annually in May. During 2008/2009 the following Councillors held office:

Chairman

Councillor Joyce Maitland

Vice-Chairman

Councillor Paul Penman

Chairman Finance Committee

Councillor Derek Gibson

Chairman Health&Safety Committee

Councillor Paul Penman

Chairman Executive & General Purpose

Councillor Joyce Maitland

Staff

The Clerk of the Council

Lesley Armstrong

Parks/Cemetery Superintendent

Colin Dobson

Gardeners/Labourers

Richard Jennings

William Skinner

Gary Stobart

Paul Wilson

Steven Selby

Council Responsibilities

The Parish Council maintain two football fields, a cricket field, bowling green, whippet racing track and some twenty acres of open space parkland.

More recently the Council purchased the former Miners Welfare Hall from British Coal, and leased the building to Murton Welfare Association who have transformed this building into a modern, multipurpose community centre.

Other responsibilities undertaken by the Parish Council include providing children's playgrounds and allotment gardens, grass cutting in public places, maintenance of the Village Green and Cenotaph Memorial, and street lighting in car parks. The Parish Council are also responsible for providing and maintaining roadside seating, some salt/grit bins in winter conditions (DCC responsibility), dog-fouling bins, floral displays throughout the village.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Successful funding bids and partnership work with Murton Welfare Association has resulted in the first phase of our Welfare Park near completion, funding bids are currently waiting for decisions to further enhance the park area.

Throughout last summer there was a noticeable improvement in the appearance of the flower beds around the village, litter has been removed from the shopping centre on a daily basis, another example of partnership working with Durham County Council. There are no financial implications arising from this partnership, the successful outcome being achieved through a trade of staff, equipment and expertise.

Planning

The Parish Council is a consultee on all planning applications. As such it is responsible for commenting upon all applications which fall within the village. These comments are passed to the Durham County Council who take them into account when reaching planning decisions.

A total of 40 applications have been considered by the Parish Council during the year. The largest of these being the residential development at East Murton Farm.

Annual Competitions

Every year the Council holds a Best Kept Garden Competition and the winners of the 2008 entries were:

BEST KEPT GARDEN	
First	Mr WJ Clark
Second	Mrs L Purvis
Third	Mrs L Broxon
BEST HANGING BASKET	
First	Mr H Wharton
Second	Mrs C Stubbs
Third	Mrs M Watson
COMMUNITY MINDED CHILD	
Joint winners:	Miss Emma Jane Thompson Age 10 Mathew Alden Age 14

Highways and Traffic

Durham County Council is responsible for Highways matters but the Parish Council take an active interest in Traffic issues advising the County Council of matters of local interest.

During the year the Council raised a number of issues with the County including road safety matters along the B1285 and Barnes Road.

Murton Parish Council work actively with Durham Constabulary in enforcing traffic restrictions especially on Woods Terrace and Barnes Road where illegal parking is rife.

Grants to Voluntary Groups

The Council gives financial support to a number of local clubs and organisations. During 2008/2009 the Parish Council awarded grants up to the value of **£2900.00**.

Quality Services

The Council wants to provide residents with value for money and has therefore decided to adopt Best Value principles on a voluntary basis.

The Council will ensure that fair and open competition is used where practical and compare its performance against others.

How your money is spent

Each December, the Parish Council sets a budget for the next financial year. The net budget for 2008/2009 is £315,228, an increase of just over 1.5% on last year. The money is collected from the 3400 dwellings in the village by the District Council as part of your Council Tax. Each household contributes, on average, £1.50 per week to the Parish Council's expenditure.

SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS 2008/2009

Current Year Budget			
	Expenditure	Income	Net
	£	£	£
Administration	71510.00	18655.00	52855.00
Cemetery	58617.00	4200.00	54417.00
Recreational	152874.00	3900.00	148974.00
Playgrounds	2599.00	-	2599.00
Environmental	46383.00	-	46383.00
Capital Schemes	10000.00	-	10000.00
Total	341,983.00	26755.00	315,228.00
Estimated 'Net' Requirements		£	315,228.00
To be raised by Precept		£	290,000.00
Contribution from Reserves		£	25,228.00
Estimated Balances at Year End 31/3/09		£	69,168.00

Precept divided by Band D Dwelling Equivalents for Murton (1994.5) **£** **152.66**

Precept divided by estimated dwellings **£** **85.29**

Conclusion

The Council welcomes views from residents and people working here on any aspect of life in the village. Please contact any Councillor or the Clerk at the Glebe Centre, telephone 0191 5208651, e mail murtonpc@hotmail.com.