

# Moulton Parish Council



## Annual Report 2003/4

### 12 months of progress

Pauline Vernon - departing  
Chair Moulton Parish Council

The last 12 months have seen real progress towards achieving the village we want and deserve.

After many years we have been able to invest in the improvement at the back of Regent Street. This had been seen as a eyesore for years.

The children's playing field is also set for improvements with planning permission granted for the major redevelopment with new facilities for our children.

I would like to pay a special mention to

our new Clerk Elaine Beech who has made a real difference to the efficiency of the Council. Finally, thank you - to the WI who are working hard to reduce litter in the village, the other Parish Councillors for their contribution, and finally to the villagers of Moulton for their support and for making this village a great place to live



### A challenging year ahead

Mark Green - new Chair  
Moulton Parish Council

I take on the honour of being the new Chair of the Parish Council at a time when there is a lot happening in the village.

The completion of the Parish Plan has seen probably the largest consultation exercise in the village, and has involved groups of people who haven't been involved before in village politics and decision making.

In the next 12 months my focus as Chair of the Parish Council will be two fold.

Firstly to tackle the issue of anti-social behaviour in the village. We need to work with as many other groups as possible to address these issues, and Councillor Tariq Shah is working with Cheshire Police to

look at the provision of a Community Safety Officer. The second focus is to look at the way the Parish Council itself works.

We will examine how to make it more accountable and responsive to the community it serves.

I'd like to pay tribute and thanks to Pauline Vernon for the work she has put in, and the way she has made so many new members of the Parish Council feel welcome and involved.



This is the first of what will be regular Annual reports on the activities of your Parish Council. This report emerged partly because of some of the feedback from the recent Parish Plan consultation, as people were not sure what the Parish Council was doing, what they are allowed to do, and even who they are. The Parish Council will publish it every May to introduce the new chair of the parish Council and to promote the annual Parish meeting.

### Annual Parish Meeting

Thursday 27th May in the Back room of the Village Hall at 7:30 pm  
All invited to discuss the issues within the village and provide views and feedback to the Parish Councillors.

# Moulton Financial Performance 2003 / 4

Moulton Parish Council has a small budget to spend each year. The Council is not responsible for the delivery of any of the major local authority services.

The Council has managed its finances well over the years being able to earmark money for large projects such as improving the back of Regent Street.

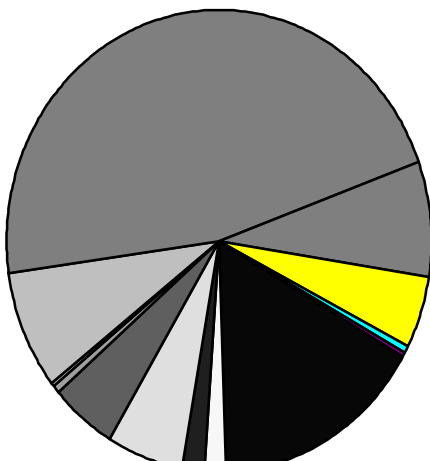
## Expenditure

Employer costs	£4,515
Admin (tel/post/stationery,etc)	£485
Subscriptions	£418
Electricity/gas supply-Vill. Hall&War Mem	£1,616
Grants to vol. organisations/Davenham Ch.	£1,461
Newsletters	£138
Vandalism	£74
Grass cutting / grounds maintenance	£2,345
Development - rear of Regent Street	£13,000
Parish Plan	£2,255
Insurance, Audit, Data Protection	£1,404
Best Kept Village / Gardens competition	£165
Planning application	£55
VAT	£2,901
	<b>£30,834</b>

## Income

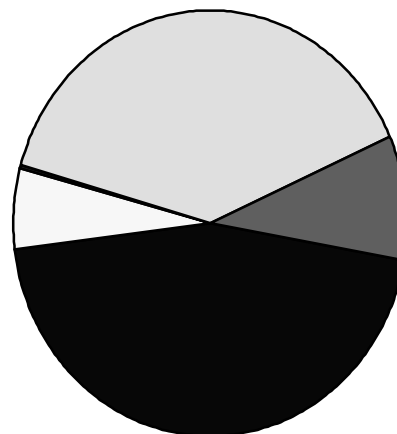
Precept	£13,950
Regent St garage plot rents	£1,834
Interest & bank charge refund	£156
Draw on reserves	£11,929
VAT repayment	£2,919
Sale of millennium maps	£46
	<b>£30,834</b>

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# Highlights of the year

## Regent Street backs

When the Parish Council first started the review of the local area which led to the Parish Plan, there was one area that was identified as needing improvement.

The land at the back of Regent Street is owned by the Parish Council. Part of it is meant as a general area for those in Regent Street, whilst another area has plots of land which can be rented from the Parish Council. The garages on the plots belong to the people who are renting.

The Parish Council planned to clear up the area and create specific parking bays for use by the residents of Regent Street to help alleviate the problems of

parking. Through the income from the rent of the plots and careful saving over a number of years (matched by funding from Vale Royal Borough Council) the work was carried out last year.

The area now looks better and is used more.

Plans are now being developed to clear the rubbish and address the problems of the dilapidated garages and how to improve their appearance.



## Parish Plan

The development of the Moulton Parish Plan has involved many residents of the village. From the initial meeting in July last year, through the various drop-in days, the consultations and questionnaires hundreds of local people have taken part.

This has been a genuine exercise by the local community, and not just the Parish Council.

We identified 5 key areas of concern: Traffic problems; the local environment; youth and leisure facilities; the social life of the village; and the economic well being. All of these have specific plans attached to them ranging from the return of the Crow Fair; strengthening links with the local shops; the continuing development of the playing field and the reshaping of some of the road junctions. However the plan was the easy part. Getting the things done will be an on-going job for the Parish Council, the Borough and County Councils, the Steering Committee and most importantly, you the residents of Moulton.

## Moulton Children's Playing Field

Although separate from the Parish Council, the Councillors are Trustees of the Children's Playing Field.

As many villagers will know, the Playing Field was taken over by the Trust following the sale of the original field for the development of housing along Barlow Road. In addition an amount of money was given to the Trust for the continuing upkeep of the playing field.

The Trust is regulated by the Charities Commission, and there are a number of rules regulating how we manage the site. For instance the Trustees have no rights to do anything

with the field other than operate it for the benefit of the children in the village. We are also restricted on the financial side. The proceeds from the sale are invested and only the interest from the money can be used as income to maintain and develop the land.

The planned re-development of the playing fields will give new and vastly improved facilities for teenagers, toddlers and primary age children. The Trust is currently applying to numerous trusts and authorities for grants to help them realise their aims.

### Financial Highlights

#### Expenditure

Grass cutting	£3,708
Cleaning	£944
Development	£4,695

#### Income

Rent	£531
Investment income	£5,900

**Capital invested** **£167,483**  
as of 31st March 2004

# Useful contacts

## Moulton Parish Council

All correspondence with the Council please write in the first instance to the Parish Clerk.

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**Carl Turner**



**Janet Scott**



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**Jane Felix-Brown**



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