



Annual Review
2010/11



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& FUTURE

Cambridge Past, Present & Future – a charity working to keep Cambridge and its surroundings special by positively influencing planning development, delivering environmental education and managing the green spaces and historic buildings in its care – for the benefit of all.

Welcome to our Annual Review. This Review aims to show clearly some of the highlights of our year. For further detailed information and the legal Annual Report and Audited Accounts please visit our website.

OUR OBJECTIVES – from the Strategic Plan (2008-2013) guide our medium term development:

- ✓ **Strengthening our Planning Activities**
influencing the local planning authorities to help protect the historic character, public amenities and green setting of the city, its immediate area and the Green Belt.
- ✓ **Expanding our role in the management of informal Green Spaces**
extending our management of public green spaces within and around Cambridge to maintain the green environment of the city and to provide places for public recreation and the protection of wildlife.
- ✓ **Maintaining our portfolio of Historic Buildings**
protecting and, where appropriate, managing historic buildings in the Cambridge area when alternative means of securing their protection are not available.
- ✓ **Expanding our Educational Activities**
providing education and increasing public awareness for all those who care about Cambridge and its environs.
- ✓ **Raising the Profile and Membership of the Society**
promoting a wider appreciation of our achievements to raise our profile, thereby recruiting more members.
- ✓ **Building the internal Organisational Resources**
removing our operational deficit and building a secure financial platform to fund further development. Ensure high standards of corporate governance and operational efficiency by developing and retaining skilled and enthusiastic staff, trustees and volunteers.

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Activity and Achievement



Robin Pellew OBE
Chairman, Cambridge Past, Present & Future

It is eighteen months since we re-launched the Cambridge Preservation Society in its new livery as Cambridge Past, Present & Future. We are already reaping the benefits.

The rebrand has done more than generate a palpable buzz amongst our membership. Planners and developers are taking notice too, as our higher profile, media coverage, and public reputation continue to grow. Most importantly, our membership is up by nearly 50%. We are off to a great start.

The last twelve months have been bursting with activity. For me, two things in particular stand out: firstly, the progress of the Coton Countryside Reserve, which now provides a valuable public green space to the West of Cambridge and one of the best views of our city; and secondly, the achievements of our education programme, which welcomed some 2,000 children from 50 local schools during the year. CambridgePPF can be proud.

We do face some serious funding challenges. Our reserves give us a buffer in

difficult times, but even so we need to reduce the deficit on our operating budget. We are prioritising more rigorously and have also reviewed our operating procedures. We will emerge from recession with even more focus.

The Board has agreed priorities for the coming year: we will accelerate development at Coton and increase our active involvement in shaping Cambridge's future. We will also broaden our education programme to include holiday activities for the whole family, and will continue to boost fundraising activities.

As always, our ambitions exceed our resources – but that's the way it should be. We are fortunate to have such a hard-working and committed staff team, to whom I am extremely grateful. With the crucial and enthusiastic contributions from our volunteers and supporters, I have no doubt that the year ahead will also be one to remember as CambridgePPF continues to gather momentum.

Chief Executive's Overview

"We are keen to attract volunteers willing to make an active contribution not just to planning and environmental activities, but to helping out at fairs and conservation activities."

CambridgePPF is helping more and more people enjoy their local countryside. The year has been filled with practical achievements. A new off-road cycle and footway now links the foothills of the Gogs with Wandlebury Country Park while the Coton Countryside Reserve got its first visitor guide and way-marked walks.

None of this would be possible without the contributions of committee and working group members, of staff and volunteers. Financial support is critical too, and we are grateful for the help received from donors, grant providers and from our new patrons.

It is tougher than ever to raise funds, and here too we are taking practical steps. Discreet adverts cover the production costs of visitor guides, for example, while the new farm tenancy in Coton brings both financial return and enhanced environmental benefit. (The farm is in better working order than it has been in decades).

This year we can celebrate the community planting of over 10,000 trees and shrubs and thanks to further grant funding we hope to plant another 100-tree orchard and build a new bridge linking West Coton with the Reserve.

There is plenty to report from Wandlebury too. The Banyard Hide (under construction) and new roofed notice board don't just make great viewing points – they also offer visitors shelter on rainy days. We are also improving wildlife niches with a new orchard and improved grazing of the meadows. We have already had the first sighting of the stunning Marbled White Butterfly.

CambridgePPF is equally active in the built environment. The Government intends to strip detailed planning documents down to just a few pages, but this is not without risk. The abolition of Regional Plans is likely to mean more housing developments in the Cambridge area and with the Marshall's Airport site currently out of the equation; we expect increased pressure on the Green Belt and countryside.

We are also raising our voice to stem the closures of Cambridge community pubs: the Queen Edith and the Penny Ferry have seen temporary reprieve. But others are less protected. Working with the Campaign for Real Ale we are improving local planning policies to protect community pubs.

Our coalition government trumpets 'localism' and 'big society'. With roots going back 85 years, the value of participation is nothing new for CambridgePPF. We are keen to attract volunteers willing to make an active contribution not just to planning and environmental activities, but to helping out at fairs and conservation activities.

We will continue to boost membership in the year ahead and most importantly, to show how we can contribute to the intelligent, sensitive and responsible development of our environment in the interests of all.



Carolin Göhler
CEO Cambridge Past, Present & Future

e•news

More ways to keep in touch

CambridgePPF, true to our name, keeps in touch with members using techniques from the past, present and future! Our twice-yearly copies of the Ring are complemented by a growing website. We now offer a monthly e-newsletter too. The e-news allows members and friends to keep up to date with all the latest news.

You can subscribe to the e-newsletter directly from our website, and from the newsletter itself, allowing you to share it with friends and for them to join in. It's not a lifetime commitment: if for any reason you change your mind, just click to unsubscribe.

Our membership is growing, and we are always seeking to extend it further. As a CambridgePPF member you gain more than free parking at Wandlebury – you get to take an active part in shaping the future of Cambridge and its surrounding countryside. When you pass the e-newsletter on to friends, please do encourage them to join us.

Planning Activities



2030 Vision workshop

We are discussing with the City Council projects on localism and planning, and on revitalising the City centre and plight of local community pubs. To encourage debate and best practice we have organised a number of events during the year in partnership with the University, FeCRA, the City Council and the RSA. These included workshops on conservation areas and planning for our futures. Additionally with a wide range of partners we have started a new series of at least ten workshops on the '2030 Vision' – What kind of place do we wish the Cambridge sub-region to be in twenty years time? The first workshop on

economics and technology considered how the sub-region can maintain and enhance its important contribution to the UK economy, and stressed the importance of providing an environment that will attract the highest-quality staff against global competition.

At a time of changing landscape for planning regulation, policies and the loss of the Regional Assembly and Regional Plan we have lobbied central government on its proposals for planning, local governance and local enterprise partnerships. Locally the planning applications covering the major urban extensions are progressing and we have also commented on design codes (e.g. Clay Farm, Trumpington Meadows and Orchard Park), food store options in northwest Cambridge, proposals covering the Chesterton Sidings in the north and Glebe Farm in the south and numerous smaller planning applications.

Local Transport issues ranged from the County Transport Plan, West Cambridge Cycle Route and the A14 and area around Eastern Gate (Newmarket Road/East Road).

The Heritage Working Group undertook further work on its campaigns against street clutter and the unnecessary closure of public houses. The working group also submitted comments on a range of developments affecting the historic core of the city and other conservation areas.

Further Blue Plaques are being developed to be placed around the City and

CambridgePPF actively supported two further plaques being installed in the next year.

We continued working for civic and amenity societies in the Region and provide the secretariat for EEACS – the cluster of civic and amenity societies across the eastern region. We organised a meeting in Norwich on the theme of 'Rivers in Towns' to share best practice and liaise with Civic Voice – the new voice for civic movement in England.

Our website is now regularly updated with planning information and we are grateful for information, alerts and comments contributed by our members as well as other local people.

We are represented on external bodies such as the Sustainable City's – Nature Conservation & Biodiversity Advisory Group. In turn CambridgePPF represents the Group at the Joint Local Strategic Partnership for Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council as well as the City Council's Design & Conservation Panel and its sub-panel on the City's railway station area development – striving not just for quality built fabric but also for parks and green spaces.



Green Spaces



Wandlebury Country Park

Our highland cattle had a good winter. Improved quantity and quality of hay preparation earlier in the year saw them through the long snowy period. Our Ranger Team have carefully managed grazing, and our meadows are showing a greater diversity of flora as a result.

Grazing cattle and sheep improve the sward, and you can easily see the increase in clumps of wild marjoram and flax. It's good for butterflies too, with the population also boosted by the warm summers. One of the highlights of the Wandlebury year was our first sighting of the marbled white butterfly which prefers grazed chalk meadows with large pockets of long grass.

The new cycleway to Wandlebury is getting more popular, and the second phase of work is now complete, with fifteen cycle racks, integrated seating and a new, larger notice board and bench. Easy cycle access and parking from the city are a point of principle: we encourage sustainable transport to all recreational sites. Encouraging enhanced bus route mapping and a new visitor guide are some of next year's tasks for Wandlebury.

Coton Countryside Reserve

The Trumpington Farm Company has made a great start in the first year of their unusual tenancy of the Coton Countryside Reserve. The Coton Reserve Working Group developed the approach together with our land agents, Carter Jonas. Not only does the tenant focus on sustainable farming, but also works in close collaboration with our Ranger Team to manage wildlife and enhance public access.

This innovative approach has already delivered significant environmental improvements for the Reserve. Over the last twelve months, we have seen a major upgrade of the field drainage works, for example. While the Society has made this substantial investment to enhance cropping,

we have organised a ranger's plant-lore walk, and held our first guided walk with the farmer. As well as revealing the natural delights of the Reserve, walkers learned at first-hand how to ensure that cereals and oil seed rape yield the best possible harvest.

Over the last five years, CambridgePPF has converted 13 hectares of surplus arable land into wildlife habitats and accessible meadows. We have also planted well over 10,000 trees and shrubs with the help of local volunteers. The Working Group also published a visitor guide for the Reserve with way-marked circular walks. Our Ranger Team have set-out walks of different lengths, which guide visitors through meadows and fields to the finest view-point across our city and the surrounding countryside. It's not just a feast for the eye: enjoy the skylarks singing too.



A. Crossley, new farm tenant

Historic Buildings

We continue to strive for the good state of repair of our historic properties. Substantial work was carried out at Hinxtion Mill during the year, including the re-painting of the exterior, woodwork repairs and replacing frost damaged stonework in front of the mill.

We take great pride in opening our two mills, **Hinxtion Watermill** and **Bourn Windmill** on our Mill Open Days. During the summer season, despite some poor weather these days were well supported.

At Hinxtion, the highlight of the year was a mid summer strawberry tea which raised funds for the Mill and the upkeep of the 12th century church. This took place in a grand marquee donated for the day by a generous village family following their daughter's wedding. The efforts of numerous volunteers helped to make this a very successful day.

Interest in **The Leper Chapel** and the programme of events continues to grow. There was a season of theatre performances, Twelfth Night adapted and devised for performance at the Chapel, Macbeth in the summer and M. R. James Ghost Stories in December.



The Leper Chapel

In September the crowds flocked to the re-enactment of Stourbridge Fair with around 500 people coming to the Chapel through the afternoon. This lively community event goes from strength to strength, with more stalls and entertainments each year.

The Friends of the Chapel organised yet more events including, a Concert of Words & Music performed by the homeless community in Cambridge for Homelessness & Leprosy Sunday, art exhibitions, Carols by

Candlelight and storytelling. All this activity continues to generate much interest in the chapel and its history.

At **Wandlebury**, the 18th century Stable Block and walled garden make a wonderful setting for outdoor events. We were pleased to work in partnership with arts organisations to host a family picnic as part of the Cambridge Summer Music Festival, as well as theatre performances of *The Importance of Being Earnest* and *King Lear*.



Wandlebury



Hinxtion Watermill

Education & Awareness

Wandlebury Education Programme

Our formal environmental education programme at Wandlebury continues to be very popular, although with school budgets under pressure the number of visits was a little down on the previous year. Schools tell us that the cost of transport is a problem.

We receive overwhelmingly positive feedback from schools with the majority finding their visit very enjoyable, with studies of the right educational standard and meeting expectations.



In December we were delighted to achieve the Learning Outside the Classroom Quality Badge – a national benchmark confirming that we offer good quality educational experiences and manage risk effectively.

The Woodmice Toddler Group, met in the Park on Thursdays and Fridays throughout the year, holding sessions entirely in the open air. Coram Adopt Anglia's club for adopted children visited several times during this year, enjoying practical conservation and nature discovery activities with the Rangers in the Stable Rooms.



“...many thanks to our Ranger who was very knowledgeable and held the girls attention with interesting facts – they were learning without realising!!”

– Parent at Nature Activity Party

We worked with the Homerton Family Centre for the first time, providing outreach sessions and a visit to Wandlebury as part of Family Learners Week.

But it's not just children who make use of the Stable Rooms and Wandlebury Country Park for their education and awareness activities. In the spring, we worked with the Faculty of Education at the University of Cambridge delivering a course for their Early Years and Primary PGCE trainee teachers. This was part of their 'Out of the Classroom' module which looked at how school grounds, museums and parks can be used to extend and enliven lessons taught in the classroom. Activities included exploring the history of the site from the Iron Age to the present day, as well as trying some orienteering to see its cross curricular value for both PE and geography.

We ran a two day course on hedgerow management with the local Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) group in November and clay oven courses for adults were offered for the first time over the summer.

Countryside Events Programme

Our Ranger team ran a varied programme of nature discovery and seasonal events for people of all ages at Wandlebury Country Park. This ranged from Easter egg hunts to

bird and bat box making workshops and from pumpkin carving to moonlit walks with yet more in between. A new addition this year was a Tree Festival in May, organised with the Arboricultural Association. Our Nature activity birthday parties are proving very popular with more bookings mostly at weekends.

Our volunteer-led Healthy Walk programme continues apace, the two walks each Thursday morning, attracting a regular 30 plus walkers. Grateful thanks to South Cambridgeshire District Council for their continuing financial support and to our team of dedicated and enthusiastic volunteer walks leaders.

Coton Countryside Reserve events included seasonal and themed guided walks for the public, plus special walks for a number of local groups. The highlight was a Scarecrow Making Day with local artist Chris Goodwin and enjoyed across the generations.

Education Programme

Year ended	No. of visits	No. of children and students
2008	36	1,360
2009	44	1,650
2010	58	2,480
2011	50	1,998

Profile & Membership

Once again it has been an extremely active period for the team – building membership, raising profile and increasing publicity for the work of CambridgePPF.

Membership recruitment

We were delighted that membership of CambridgePPF continued to grow from 1,443 in March 2010 to 1,681 by March 2011.

• Recruitment activities

– Area recruitment drives continued during the year, providing the opportunity to talk directly to people in different neighbourhoods about both general issues and those affecting them directly. A number of new members were recruited at these events.

Membership Growth

Year ended	No. of members	% increase with 2007 as baseline year:
2007	1,049	
2008	1,060	1.0
2009	1,174	11.9
2010	1,443	37.6
2011	1,681	60.2

• Launch of Patrons Club

– In September we launched our Patrons Club. Members provide a higher level of support for our activities and can get more involved if they so wish. We hope to get more people involved in this club and provide events of interest for Patrons. Their support provides invaluable extra resources for our work.

• Members Event

– We were able to invite many of our members to a reception at St John's College. It was a welcome opportunity to thank them for their continued support. Our thanks to NW Brown Group for organising all.

• The Ring

– Our members' newsletter goes from strength to strength, winning the award for Best Newsletter at the Civic Voice AGM. We continue to receive compliments for the breadth



Training session for volunteers assisting with profile raising

of articles and attractive appearance of this publication.

• E-newsletter

– We have introduced a monthly e-news. This is sent to those members and interested local people who have provided email addresses. This enables us to provide updates on our events and activities, impromptu happenings and local campaigns.

PR, marketing & publicity

We are so grateful for generous support, once again, by MayFifteen who have assisted our efforts to increase publicity and PR together with some great volunteer help. We have continued to receive very good coverage particularly in the range of local press publications as well as radio and TV. It is undoubtedly the case that CambridgePPF is getting better known in and around Cambridge and we want to continue to build on this.

Fundraising

During the year we worked to get our fundraising team in place and most of the essential preparatory work done (such as new leaflets and other promotional material). We were able to undertake some fundraising for specific restricted projects, primarily for activities associated with Coton Countryside Reserve. In the year ahead we will be concentrating on raising funds primarily to support our operational expenditure and identified special projects. We have launched a Corporate Partnership Programme and will be developing the Trevelyan Circle for those who have included CambridgePPF in their will.

Organisational Resources

Developments have taken place on a number of fronts during the year:

■ During the year we increased our Development capacity; Emily Rigby joined the team as part-time Development Assistant in October 2010. She has been helping the Head of Development, with planning and staging of local meetings around Cambridge. With Emily's help our communications with members and supporters have been brought more up-to-date. We now have an attractive monthly e-newsletter and a Facebook page – both helping us to further develop our profile and communications.

■ Office equipment has also been updated. We reviewed and upgraded our print and scanning facilities. The lease of a new colour photocopier/printer has increased efficiency and reduced costs. We can now produce higher quality print material, if needed, in-house. All office PCs are now networked to the copier.

■ Work has been started on procuring a new database system to manage membership and supporters details.

Financial Review

Results for the year

This has been a challenging year for all charities. With careful management of costs, combined with our successful programme to increase membership, the deficit was contained at the same level as last year at just under £50,000. The deficit is set to grow to £116k in 2011/12. Although this cannot be sustained indefinitely, trustees believe this to be necessary in the short term to meet our objectives. The focus next year will be to increase efforts on fundraising to begin to reduce the deficit.

Meanwhile our Finance Committee has continued to navigate our way through the financial crisis well so far and has succeeded in preserving the value of our investments while achieving a good return on our assets.

Grants, Donations & Legacies

CambridgePPF is grateful for support towards its core costs from Natural England (through the Countryside Stewardship Schemes for Wandlebury Country Park and Coton Countryside Reserve), Cambridge City Council (Sustainable City Grant) and South Cambridgeshire District Council (Sports & Leisure partnership funding).

We received many donations from individuals and trusts, together with legacies, all of which make a valuable contribution to sustaining the charity's work.

Audited Accounts

The CambridgePPF legal Board of Trustees Annual Report and full Accounts are available on request, or via our website: www.cambridgeppf.org

Table 1: Cambridge PPF Management Accounts: Summary of Income & Expenditure 2010-2011

Cambridge PPF summary income and expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2011		
	2011 £000s	2010 £000s
Income		
Investment income	105	93
Bank interest	8	11
Rents	104	96
Subscriptions	36	27
Donations & bequests	18	18
Wandlebury car park	38	39
Grants	15	33
Education centre	16	16
All other income	28	31
Total	368	364
Expenditure		
Wandlebury Country Park	142	147
Coton Countryside Reserve	66	79
Historic buildings & other land holdings	31	20
Planning & Green Spaces Campaign	32	32
Wandlebury Education Programme	31	31
Communication & Membership Services	75	70
Governance & other costs	39	34
Total	416	413
Overall surplus / deficit	-48	-49

Figure 1

Figure 1: Income Sources 2010-2011

1. Investment income 29%
2. Bank interest 2%
3. Rents 28%
4. Subscriptions 10%
5. Donations & Bequests 5%
6. Wandlebury car park 11%
7. Grants 4%
8. Education centre 4%
9. All other income 8%

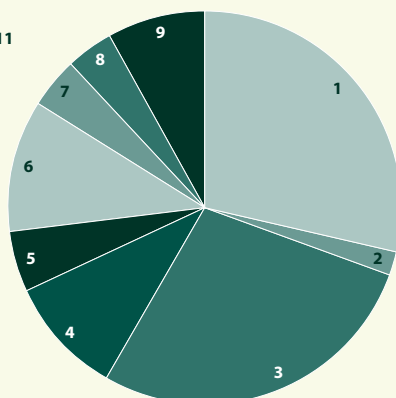
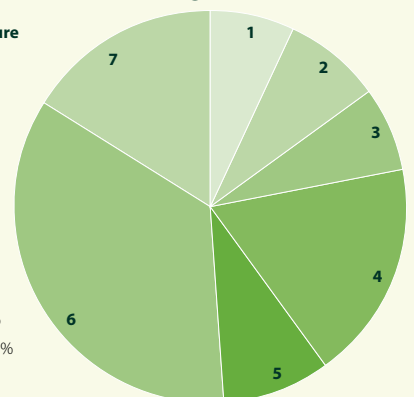


Figure 2

Figure 2: Charitable Expenditure 2010-2011

1. Historic buildings & other land holdings 7%
2. Planning & Green Spaces Campaign 8%
3. Wandlebury Education Programme 7%
4. Communication & Membership Services 18%
5. Governance & other costs 9%
6. Wandlebury Country Park 35%
7. Coton Countryside Reserve 16%



Who are we?

Cambridge Past, Present and Future is a charity and a non-profit making company limited by guarantee. Our President is **Nigel Brown OBE** and our senior executive body is the Board of Trustees. The Trustees are the company Directors with full decision making authority.



CHAIRMAN:
Dr Robin Pellew OBE PhD.

Robin established the World Conservation Monitoring Centre in Cambridge in 1987, now one of only two United Nations agencies in the UK. He is the ex-CEO of the National Trust for Scotland (2001-06); Animal Health Trust, Newmarket (1998-2001); and World Wildlife Fund-UK (1993-98). Currently he is a non-executive Director of the National Forest Company and serving Chair of its committees for Conservation; Access & Recreation and Land Acquisition as well as working as an independent consultant in the conservation / heritage / visitor attraction sector.



TREASURER:
Harriet Hunnable

Harriet is an experienced commodities specialist working in London, Managing Director, Global Head of Metals at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Over the last six years she has been involved in mentoring young people and fund raising, so far raising £15,000 for Camfed.



VICE CHAIRMAN:
Donald Douglas

Donald is a chartered accountant who runs his own business (Cambridge Risk Ltd) advising clients on derivatives, hedging and market risk. He has been a councillor on Cambridge City Council and was Conservative Party spokesperson on environmental issues.

The other Board members are:

Catherine Cairns is a countryside manager by background, currently working for Natural England. She has spent her whole career working in the countryside around towns in a variety of roles, with her recent focus being advocating the planning of high quality green infrastructure into new developments across the region.

Terry Gilbert has had a distinguished career in local government at chief officer level with several Metropolitan Councils. He has extensive experience in economic development and urban regeneration and has provided advice on development and town planning in the East of England.

Rob Hammond is formerly CEO of Cambridge City Council, taking early retirement in June 2009. Ensuring that the Council was a high-performing local authority, he took a particular interest in the growth of Cambridge, the need to support essential development while respecting the historic fabric and environment of the City, as well as a wide range of community services and the cultural life of the city. Now working as a part-time consultant he is also a trustee of The Papworth Trust.

Professor Peter Landshoff retired in 2004 as Professor of Mathematical Physics in the University of Cambridge Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics. He continues to work on research projects for Cambridge-MIT Institute on transport data, pollution monitoring and the construction industry.

Robert Ware has extensive experience of marketing and business management; he was Chair and Chief Executive (1980-2005) of Ware Anthony Rust Ltd, the most successful marketing communications agency in the Eastern Region. He chaired the Marketing Committee for the fundraising appeal of East Anglia's Children's Hospices and was Honorary Marketing Director for the Cambridge Arts Theatre Appeal in the late 1980s.



Like many other similar charities much of the day-to-day activities are delegated to a number of volunteer committees and working groups – we are very grateful for their support:

Strategic Development Committee

Mr D Douglas (Chairman), Mr Michael Blakey, Mr Terry Gilbert, Mr Rob Hammond, Mr Richard Lyon, Dr R Pellew

Finance Committee

Mr M Blakey, Mr D Douglas, Dr M Halstead, Ms H Hunnable (Chairman), Ms L Jeanroy, Mr B Matthews

Planning Committee

Mr A Ashenden (observer), Miss J E L Baird, Mrs E B Budd, Mr O Caroe, Dr A J Cooper, Mr J Durrant, Mr T Gilbert, Mrs C P Hall, Mrs B Hodge, Prof P Landshoff (Chairman), Mr D G Taylor, Mr Wicksteed

Heritage Working Group

Miss J E L Baird, Mrs E B Budd, Mr O Caroe, Dr A J Cooper, Mr J Durrant (Chairman), Mrs C P Hall, Mrs P Heath, Mrs B Hodge, Mr Chris Lakin, Prof P Landshoff, Mr M Thompson

Properties Committee

Mrs Catherine Cairns (Chairman), Dr J Bishop, Mr T Dellar, Ms L Evans, Mrs J Finch, Mr T Grigg, Mr G Wedd

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We look after and open to the public:

Wandlebury Country Park
CB22 3AE

Coton Countryside Reserve
CB23 7PZ

Bourn Windmill
CB23 2SU

Barnwell Leper Chapel
CB5 8JJ

Hinxton Watermill
CB10 1RD

Part-time Assistant Rangers (currently Jean Sinclair, Simon Robinson, Sam Kouzarides and Alan Stevens) provide cover at weekends and other peak times at Wandlebury Country Park and assist with tasks at the Coton Countryside Reserve. Richard Norman and Sophie Shine work as seasonal Car Park Assistants at Wandlebury Country Park on Sundays. Peter Longbottom and Peter Burbage look after opening and closing the car park at Coton Countryside Reserve.

Our Education Adviser, Frances Cooper is responsible for co-ordinating and developing the school and group visit programme at Wandlebury Country Park, supported by Education Ranger, Claire Scott and a team of freelance fieldwork teachers (Rosemary Boaz, Stephanie Boyd, Thev Cram, Laura Gerlach, Mary Howarth, Caroline Louth, Hazel Jones, Ann Read, Beckie Whitehouse, Victoria Smith and Juliette Wollard).

VOLUNTEERS

We are very fortunate to have invaluable help of a number of volunteers in the office helping with our library and archive; mailings etc, and this year with planning fundraising events and publications.

Volunteers help out with conservation tasks and the Healthy Walks Programme at Wandlebury Country Park, and conservation tasks and wildlife surveys at Coton Countryside Reserve. The open day programmes at Bourn Mill and Hinxton Mill would not be possible without the enthusiasm and commitment of the open day guide teams. The events programme at the Leper Chapel relies on the time and energy provided by the Friends of the Leper Chapel. We also rely on volunteers to help with planning application searches.

Board and Committees also contribute a huge amount of time and effort. The contribution of everyone who gives their time so willingly on behalf of CambridgePPF is very much appreciated. Without this our achievements would be much diminished.

