

Harrow Heritage Trust Annual Report 2009-10





Charity No. 1072773

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Anne Swinson (Chairman of Work with Young People sub-committee and represents Hatch End Association)

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Dr Freddie Hicks (represents Stanmore & Harrow Historical Society)

Joanne Verden (represents Pinner Association)

Councillor Marilyn Ashton, Councillor John Nickolay, Councillor Eric Silver, Councillor Bill Stephenson, Brenda Cunnane and Beryl Newton also served as Trustees during the whole or part of the year ended 31st March 2010.

Minutes Secretary:

Wendy Hardwick

Independent Examining Accountant: Clive Backhouse, FCA

Front Cover: Beautiful and Tranquil Scene, Pinner Memorial Park.

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Information on Harrow Nature Conservation Forum is obtainable on its website:
www.harrowncf.org

A. INTRODUCTION BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRUST



West House, Pinner Memorial Park Grand Opening June 2010.

CUTS CUTS CUTS, DEFICITS DEFICITS DEFICITS etc. all rather threatening for us all!

Harrow Heritage Trust celebrates its 25th year in 2010, and I can report that we are in good shape. Our finances are subject to very strict surveillance, and our Treasurer ensures that all expenditure is prudent and directed only towards achieving our aims and objectives. We are therefore able to maintain our ability to deliver in all the spheres that we operate, especially — Work with Young People, Harrow Nature Conservation Forum, Public Works of Art and Heritage Grants.

We have supported The West House and Heath Robinson Museum Trust in many ways since it was formed some 10 years ago, and the Grand Opening of this superb asset by our President, Mayor Asad Omar and personality Michael Rosen, was indeed a splendid occasion which set the seal on many years of hard work. Volunteers have spent aeons of hours towards this great achievement, but it would be very remiss of me if I did not recall the important contribution both financially and practically which was made by Harrow Council. The financial support from both individuals and trusts has been overwhelming too.

This type of collaboration is a bench mark for the future, and in this connection we welcome Nick Hurd M.P. who now represents Pinner and Hatch End wards in Harrow after the re-drawing of the boundaries. Nevertheless Pinner and Hatch End residents still pay their Council Tax to Harrow Council - a strange anomaly indeed. We congratulate Nick Hurd for being promoted, in the Coalition Government, to the post of Minister for Civil Society, and I can see that there will be many an occasion when we will call upon him for assistance.

For example Harrow Council has recently employed a consultant to draw up plans for the development of Harrow Town Centre and the Harrow/Wealdstone Intensification area. Over the years, I can recall hours of debate over the future of Harrow with no outcome whatsoever. This time we must succeed and HHT is proud of being invited to sit on a group to help this process. If necessary, and I believe it will be, we will seek support from all our M.P.s to see the plans through to completion.

We work very closely with The Harrow Museum and Heritage Centre, which for the last three years had been so ably run by Lottie Collins. We thank her for all she did for this complex and wish her well as she progresses in her important cultural field.

We are delighted to welcome as new manager of the Museum, Jason Finch, who brings with him a wealth of knowledge, which will be invaluable.

Once again, I pay tribute to all our volunteers who have ensured that we can look back at another year with justifiable pride — the following reports pay testament to that.

Thank you for your continued support.

Martin Verden

B. HISTORY OF HARROW HERITAGE TRUST

Harrow Heritage Trust (HHT) was founded in 1985 by Councillor Peter Pitt during his year as Mayor of Harrow to protect, preserve and restore the land and buildings of beauty or historic interest as well as areas of ecological, scientific and environmental importance in the Borough. After 14 years, it was decided to widen its possible membership and a new constitution was adopted in December 1998. This was approved by the Charity Commission which gave the Trust a new Charity No 1072773. A full record of the Trust's aims and objectives is attached at Appendix 1. Martin Verden took over as Chairman of the Trust in 1990 following the death of Peter Pitt and, under his direction, the Trust has broadened its scope of activities.

The Trust works independently of the Council and is managed by a Board of Trustees, on which representatives of the Council, and several local amenity associations serve. The day-to-day work of the Trust is undertaken by the following Sub-Committees, supervised by an Executive Committee: –

- Heritage Grants
- Nature Conservation Forum
- Plaques
- Public Works of Art
- Work with Young People
- Architectural & Environmental Awards

From a small but key team of people committed to Harrow's environment, the Trust has developed into a major organisation which works in partnership with the Council. In recognition of its status, the Trust was asked by Harrow Council to manage the appeal for Headstone Manor, which is owned by the Council. The Trust also manages, at the request of the Council, a Public Works of Art Fund (which started through the sale of miniature "Katies", the statue in Harrow Town Centre) and the Heritage Grants account (which replaced the Historic Buildings Grant previously administered by the Council).

The Trust's Equal Opportunity and Anti-Racism Policies are attached at Appendix 2.

The full membership of the Trustees / Executive Committee is set out on page i [the inside front cover].



Renovated bridge at Headstone Manor

C. REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees of Harrow Heritage Trust, registered charity number 1072773, present their annual report for the year ended 31st March 2010.

The Trust's principal office is situated at 'The Fives Court', Moss Lane, Pinner, Middlesex, HA5 3AG.

Names of the Trustees at the date of the report, and others who served during the year, are set out on page i (the inside front cover) of the annual report.

Structure, Governance and Management

The history, structure and management of the Trust are set out on page 3 of the annual report. Following the adoption of a new constitution on 14th October 1998, it was reconstituted as registered charity number 1072773 on 3rd December 1998.

The Trustees form the members of the Executive Committee. The President of the Trust is the Mayor of Harrow, and four additional local authority members are nominated by Harrow Council. Other officers and members are elected annually at the annual general meeting, and the Committee has the power to co-opt and fill casual vacancies. Members are elected or co-opted to advise on matters or carry out tasks for which they possess suitable skills or knowledge, or to represent interested societies and associations in the London Borough of Harrow.

Objectives, Activities and Achievements

The objectives of the Trust, and its aims in furtherance of those objectives on which its activities are based, are set out in Appendix 1 of the report. The main activities and achievements in the year are described in the Chairman's Introduction and in the sub-committee reports included in the annual report.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have considered the provisions of the Charities Act 2006 with regard to the public benefit requirement. They are satisfied that the Trust, through its aims and objectives, meets this requirement, in particular with regard to the advancement of the arts, heritage, architecture, and of environmental protection or improvement. Beneficiaries comprise members of the public in almost all cases without the need for any charges or payment.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibility for:

- ensuring that proper accounting records, as required by the Charities Act 1993 are kept;
- preparing accounts which comply with the Charities Act 1993 so far as applicable to the charity.

Financial Review

A summary of the Trust's accounts for the financial year ended 31st March 2010, and notes thereon, are set out below, presented rounded to the nearest £000. There was a deficit of £3,000 (2009 surplus £14,000), and funds at the year-end were £119,000 (2009 £122,000).

	2010	2009
	£000	£000
Income	27	29
Expenditure	30	15
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Deficit for the year (2009 surplus)	-3	14
Total funds b/fwd from previous year	122	108
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Total funds at 31 March	119	122
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Represented by:		
Balances on Deposit and at Bank	146	123
Less Creditors	27	1
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Net assets at 31 March	119	122
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The deficit (2009 surplus) for the year and the Trust's funds at 31st March were analysed as follows:

	2010		2009	
	Deficit	Funds	Surplus	Funds
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Restricted Funds:				
Public Works of Art	-	11	-	11
Heritage Grants	(4)	71	17	76
Work with Young People	1	3	(3)	2
Headstone Manor Appeal	-	2	-	2
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Total Restricted Funds	(3)	87	14	91
Unrestricted General Fund	-	32	-	31
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Total Funds	(3)	119	14	122
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As will be seen from the summary above, compared with the previous year, income was lower mainly due to a reduction in deposit interest received. Expenditure increased due to larger heritage grants paid, which vary from year to year according to projects on hand at the time. Creditors increased due to a major receipt of £26,600 from London Local Area Agreement Partnership Funds to support biodiversity work. This work is being commissioned by Harrow Nature Conservation Forum and was expected to be started in the current year. This sum will be released to revenue when the related expenditure has been incurred.

The Trust's assets are mainly cash balances on deposit and at bank, which totalled £146,000. Deposits with COIF Charities Deposit Fund earned interest at prevailing market rates, reduced in comparison with previous years. The Trust's banker is National Westminster Bank Plc, 315 Station Road, Harrow, HA1 2AD.

Full details of the accounts are set out in the Statement of Financial Activities and Notes for the year ended 31 March 2010, together with the report of the Independent Examining Accountant, at Appendix 3 of the Annual Report.

Reserves Policy

The Trust's funds totalled £119,000. Four of these funds described above totalling £87,000 were designated restricted to the uses described above: commitments or expenditure plans exist for part of these. There is also an unrestricted General Fund of £32,000, which includes the activities of Harrow Nature Conservation Forum. It is the Trust's policy to maintain the balance of this fund at a level to cover administrative and support costs for a forward period of at least a year, and to respond to emergency and other applications for grants or support as and when they arise. The fund was maintained at an adequate level throughout the year.

Risk Management

The Trustees are aware of the major operational risks that the charity faces, and consider that adequate administrative procedures are in place to mitigate the risks identified. Suitable training is given to new volunteers when appropriate. Insurance cover is taken to minimise any potential financial impact on the Trust should any of those risks materialise.

Grants and Donations

The bulk of the Trust's income arises from grants and donations, without which it would not be possible to carry out its varied activities. The Trust wishes to record its gratitude to all its grantors, donors and members for their continued support, in particular Harrow Council, grants from which totalled £23,100. Where possible, use is made of gift aid to claim tax benefit.

Robin Youle – Honorary Treasurer on behalf of the Trustees

14th July 2010

D. 2010 SILVER ARROW ARCHERY TOURNAMENT

Robert Abbott has been an archery enthusiast for many years, and was the prime mover in bringing back this competition in the late 1980's. For a good many years this annual event was staged with archery clubs from all over Middlesex competing. The staging of too many tourneys and several years of very poor weather dampened the interest.

Nevertheless Robert continued to enthuse the teams from Harrow School and John Lyon School to compete for the coveted Silver Arrow Trophy each year, as indeed they did earlier in 2010.

The schools kindly contribute to our funds irrespective of who wins!! It is great fun and thank you, Robert.

Martin Verden

E. PLAQUES SUB-COMMITTEE

Members: Pat Clarke (Chairman), Ted Hayden

Overtures to the Abercorn Arms, Stanmore Hill have met with no response. The plaque for the King's Head, Harrow awaits fixing

Pat Clarke - Chairman

F. MEMBERSHIP

The membership remains static for the year at 70 members.

Work continues with setting up a web site and it is hoped to have it on line by the end of 2010.

We continue to have an informative table at open events to keep members informed of the work done to save the heritage of Harrow and to encourage new members.

H C Hardwick - Membership Secretary



Building at Rooks Heath College

G HERITAGE GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE

The financial crisis has hit the construction industry very hard, so understandably this year has been relatively quiet. Nevertheless, proposals take time to reach fruition, and we actually paid out £20,00 in grants this year, as you will see from the accounts. Completed projects include:-

St. John the Evangelist, Stanmore — Structural repairs.

Blackwell Memorial Gate, Harrow Weald Recreation Ground — Survey and consequent repairs.

St. Mary's Church, Harrow on the Hill — Path to View Point resurfaced and new aluminium rainwater pipes fixed.

Old Brick Church, Great Stanmore — Repairs to stonework and brickwork.

West House, Pinner - Restoration for gallery, shop, shrine room, function rooms and cafe.

And:-

Bernay's Institute Hall, Stanmore — Renewing roof coverings, clerestory windows and services. Appropriately, Harrow Heritage Trust held a meeting in the brilliantly renovated Hall, when we were addressed by Dr. Roger Bowdler, Head of English Heritage Listing Department, as well as enjoying the handsome catering of Carole Lis and her team. We warmly congratulate them on their tremendous achievement - a wonderful tribute to the late Maurice Pickering.

We calculate that these grants have in total produced £260,000 of restoration work in Harrow, and works totalling over £200,000 are in the pipeline.

I wish to record my thanks to my Sub-committee - Andrew Reed RIBA, Alan Morgan and Tim Nicholson RIBA - for their considerable assistance, understanding and patience.

Gordon Swindles BSc FRICS Chairman

P.S. Gordon Swindles offered his services on a strictly "caretaker" basis, and we are exceedingly grateful that he has continued his excellent work far beyond what was envisaged. His report illustrates the importance of this work, which is also so demonstrably fulfilling. I do hope that there is a reader who will contact me with an offer to fill this post.

Thank you.

Martin Verden



New Krishna Avanti School, Camrose Avenue, Edgware.

H. HARROW NATURE CONSERVATION FORUM

Our first concern remains the maintenance of our reserves and the preservation of their value both to wildlife and to human visitors. Our voluntary wardens have continued their steady, low impact maintenance of the sites. This work is rarely recognised by the wider community, so it is especially welcome to be able to report that in June 2010 the churchyard of All Saint's Church, Harrow Weald, maintained by Jill Lewis and described in our leaflet on Bentley Old Vicarage, won a "Sacred Spaces" award from the Conservation Foundation and English Heritage because of its biodiversity and tranquil atmosphere.

On a larger scale, we have collaborated with the council to carry out a number of one-off works:

- A fence in Heriots Wood in Bentley Priory to keep free-running dogs off an area used for winter feeding by migrant birds. This was built in the summer and autumn of 2009.
- A detailed Phase I survey of the ecology of Stanmore Common. This was carried out over the last few months by John Dobson of Make Natural Ltd., and his report is due in at the end of September 2010.
- Two fences at Stanmore Common, to make it more difficult for horse riders to enter the main part of the common from the horse ride. This was completed in August 2010.
- A new dam at Pynding Mersc, the wetland area at the lowest part of Stanmore Common. This was completed in August 2010.
- Drainage and dredging of Caesar's Pond, the upper, more hidden pond in Stanmore Little Common. This is now ongoing.
- Adjusting the angle of the bank at Boot Pond and dredging Dragonfly Pond, both in Bentley Priory. Not yet begun.

We hope that the remainder of the BAE section 106 money will pay for repair of the fence around Forty Acre Field in Stanmore Country Park, to allow cattle to be grazed there. It is the grazing of cattle on the rough grassland at Bentley Priory that has maintained this in good condition and worthy of its SSSI (site of special scientific interest) status; it would be wonderful if we could bring the grassland at Stanmore Country Park up to this quality.

A second tranche of money for larger scale projects is the award of £26,600 to the Trust in November 2009 for improving biodiversity and installing noticeboards at a number of sites around the borough other than those our wardens maintain, specifically:

Harrow Weald Common (i.e. Grim's Dyke Open Space, Weald and Levels Woods)
Grim's Ditch and Pinner Green
Stanmore Marsh

Old Tennis Courts in West Harrow Recreation Ground and the nearby embankment alongside Ridgeway
The work is being overseen by Denis Vickers, the Council's biodiversity officer.

Our second concern is publicity. In October 2009 we published a leaflet describing Roxbourne Rough, completing the coverage of our sites, and in July 2010 we reprinted the Council's leaflet describing the Bentley Priory circular walk ready for distribution at the Harrow in Leaf show at the end of August.

A half way house between reserve work and publicity is our hosting of corporate and youth working parties, which not only do useful work but also introduce local people to our sites and their management. The past year has seen parties from:

G.E. Money (corporate, based in Harrow centre): June 2009 and again in June 2010
Land Securities (corporate, central London) October 2009

Kol Chai Hatch End Jewish Community (Jewish faith group/youth group, Harrow area) Nov. 2009.

The Council has urged us to send our wardens and other members on First Aid courses, but has not provided such courses or provided additional funds for this purpose. Nevertheless in the past year six wardens and one regular volunteer have attended courses at the St. John's Ambulance and the Red Cross.

Stephen Bolsover - Chairman

SITE WARDENS

All Saints Churchyard
Belmont Line Nature Trail
Bentley Old Vicarage Nature Reserve
Bentley Priory Nature Reserve
Harrow Weald Common
Newton Farm Ecology Park
Pear Wood
Roxbourne Rough
Stanmore Common
Stanmore Country Park
Stanmore Little Common

Jill Lewis
John Williams
Rev. James Mercer
Peter Peretti
situation vacant
Appointment in hand
Clare Abbott and Rosemary Etheridge
Dave Bolton
Simon Braidman and David Bailey
John Hollingdale
Robert Stone



the Harrow Nature Conservation Forum stand at the Harrow in Leaf show in August 2010, where we distributed leaflets to the public and answered questions about Harrow's wildlife.



A Heath Spotted Orchid. Stanmore Common is the only location in London where this orchid grows. We are managing the site to make sure that the population survives and thrives.



Children from Kol Chai Hatch End Jewish Community clearing scrub on Stanmore Common as part of "Mitzvah Day", 15th November 2009.

I. PUBLIC WORKS OF ART SUB-COMMITTEE

Members; Joanne Verden, Martin Verden and Baj Mathur

The Public Works of Arts Sub Committee is responsible for the management of HHT's Public Works of Arts Fund. The committee also promote new initiatives and opportunities for art in public places within the Borough of Harrow. The main object is to raise awareness of the public, developers, and local businesses as to the importance of art in improving the quality of the environment. Consequently Public Art is promoted in Harrow Town Centre, Local Centres and other prominent public spaces in Harrow including Parks.

The Trust has £ 11,000 in its public works of Arts Fund and is exploring various options for future art work.

One of the schemes under consideration is to commission a wood sculptor to shape trunk of trees in parks which have died or become unsafe. The scheme is very interesting as the material is already in place and rooted into the ground and cuts the cost of removing the tree. In addition this type of sculpture is a good way to recycle a dead tree. At the time of writing this report negotiations are in progress with an artist- to carryout carving a dead tree which has been identified in Pinner Memorial Park. It is anticipated to unveil the 'Sculpture' in the spring of 2011.

Baj Mathur - Convenor



Pinner Methodist Church, Love Lane, Pinner.

J. HARROW HERITAGE TRUST AND HARROW OBSERVER ARCHITECTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS 2010

The purpose of this award scheme is to encourage the highest design standards, and thus to give public recognition to projects large or small, which have enhanced areas within the London Borough of Harrow. This year the Trust held its 13th biennial award scheme.

Judges for the award were Martin Verden - Chairman of the Trust; Stujaul Azam – Contents Manager, Harrow Observer; Marilyn Ashton, Portfolio Holder for Planning, Development & Enterprise; Frank Stocks, Design & Conservation Manager, Harrow Council; Alan Morgan - Retired Architect, Baj Mathur - Retired Architect & Town Planner.

I am pleased to say that this year was one of the most successful years in not only attracting a large number of entries – 35 nominations in total, but also in terms of diverse range of schemes which we had to judge. Furthermore, the qualities of entries were exceptionally of a high standard. Three entries were withdrawn before judging.

Main category

Winner: New Krishna Avanti School, Camrose Avenue, see page 8: The Hindu Primary School is the first Grant Maintained School in the UK. The buildings have been designed to an exceptionally high standard of architectural quality that improves and adds to the physical appearance of the area. The form and layout of the buildings respects the character and amenity of the surrounding residential area whilst making full use of the site. The architecture clearly reflects Hindu traditions whilst creating a ‘state of the art’ educational environment. It is a sustainable building with an integrated engineering approach and thus delivering a low impact and energy efficient school. The architects for the project are Cottrell & Vermeulen Architecture Ltd.

Highly Commended 1: Pinner Methodist Church, Love Lane, Pinner, see page 11: The scheme included a new portico, entrance hall, reception area, office, kitchen, and disabled toilets including a new paved forecourt. The design and workmanship is outstanding. It is interesting that the new additions match very well with the existing imposing Church. The architect of the scheme is John Orchard.

Highly Commended 2: Post 16 Building at Rooks Heath College, see page 7: The scheme was to alter part of the school to provide facilities for 6th form students. The teaching and general areas created are spacious and finished in high quality materials with good workmanship. Architects for the scheme are Howard Fairbairn MHK.

Highly Commended 3: ‘Ormont’ Harrow Park, Harrow on the Hill, see page 17: The scheme was to demolish an old house and replace with a new house with all modern facilities. The new house sits elegantly on the higher part of the site overlooking manicured gardens and grounds with matured trees. This is an ultra modern house and the architects have respected and done full justice to its natural environment. Architects for the scheme are Kenneth W Reed & Associates.

Highly Commended 4: Restoration of Historic Bridge at Headstone Manor, see page 3: This Bridge is part of Headstone Manor Complex – a group of historic buildings including, a Moated Manor, large Barn, small Barn and a Granary. The bridge has been recently structurally repaired and authentically restored. The works carried out are therefore highly commended. Consulting Engineers for the scheme are Hockley & Dawson and Ian Wilson from London Borough of Harrow.

Commended 1: Additions, alterations and restoration of Herga House, Harrow on the Hill: The house still retains on the outside its old charm whilst the interior is restored and furnished with a modern taste.

Commended2: Neighbourhood Resource Centre, Christchurch Avenue: The newly constructed day centre provides vital services in the community and planned very well. Designer of the scheme is Simon Duffy.

Commended 3: Flood Alleviation Works, Balancing Pond, at the former Government Buildings, Honeypt Lane: The project is part of a new development and involved works to control surface water - drainage which include constructing a large pond with beautiful landscaped areas.

Commended 4: Restoration and Conversion of the Bernays Memorial Hall, Stanmore Broadway: The historic BernaysHall is completely refurbished and restored and now provides other small rooms to the community. Designer of the scheme is The Morton Partnership.

Commended 5: 3 Storey Block of Flats at the Old Coach Works at Harrow Weald: The scheme is a very good example of redeveloping a site which was derelict and overgrown. It now provides very much needed dwellings in a modern block of flats with well laid out gardens around it. Architects for the scheme are GUG Architects & Designers.

Commended 6: Rerouting of the River Pinn: The project was designed to provide a solution to flooding in Hatch End and Pinner. It involved extensive land works including provision of recreation areas and wetland areas. Environment Agency, London Borough of Harrow and The Hatch End Association, contributed in successful completion of the scheme.

Commended 7: Conversion of an Air Raid Shelter: Mr & Mrs Holgate have converted an raid shelter in their back garden into a rockery and water feature. The entire garden is beautifully laid out and now incorporates this new feature. It is a great delight to experience such a delightful and colourful garden.

Bobby Feakins Shield for Schools

This special award is for schools for environmental projects.

Winner: Longfield First School, Dukes Avenue, North Harrow: The school received the award for newly constructed canopied outdoor learning area/ Class room.

Baj Mathur - Convenor

K. WORK WITH YOUNG PEOPLE SUB-COMMITTEE

Members: Audrey Moxham, Anne Swinson, Martin Verden aided by Lottie Collins, Manager and Laura Coughlin, Learning and Access Officer of Harrow Museum.

We were sorry to lose Lottie Collins in July 2010 but welcome her replacement, Jason Finch, as Museum Development Officer who came in August 2010.

The successful **Earth Project**, initially run by Andy Carter, Manager of the Skills Centre and taken over by Harrow College, closed this summer due to lack of funding. Alternative sources of funding and manpower are being sought.

At the museum, the Tudor sessions of '**Life in Tudor Harrow**' continue to be well supported by classes of school children. Now that the Manor herb garden is thriving, Laura has started a project with the children on Tudor 'Lotions and Potions'. **The Victorian Kitchen** project was launched early in the New Year with HHT funding the mop caps as part of the costumes the children wear.

Also at the beginning of the year, Lottie and Laura proposed a scheme whereby the outreach loan boxes which are sent out the schools on request could be replenished and upgraded in line with the 2011 curriculum. The **Loan Boxes** cover many topics from the Romans to the Millennium and each contain artefacts and relevant documentation invaluable for teachers. The proposed budget would be £6000 and in March HHT offered £1800 as a start. Currently, an application to the John Lyon's Charity has been made for more funding and, depending on the result, the overhaul will continue.

Finally, with the Olympics in two years time, Jason is aiming to attract to Harrow a national travelling exhibition, **Our Sporting Life**, in 2011. It is hoped that this may attract local sporting celebrities.

Anne Swinson - Convenor



2 pupils wearing mop caps.

L. HELPING TO PRESERVE HISTORY – IN CHURCHYARD OF ST JOHN'S CHURCH, STANMORE

Three mid 18C Monuments at risk

2000 The Harrow Magazine of Autumn year 2000 had an article about the Borough of Harrow monuments and buildings on English Heritage Register At Risk of deterioration, recommending that something should be done about them. In 1990 the late Martin Caroe, architect who masterminded 1991-3 consolidation of the 1632 brick church ruin had reported 'not in my remit concerning the old church but the churchyard contains a number of monuments of quite exceptional interest. Two of the important ones are breaking up due to the action of rusting iron.'

Caroe taught Frederick Hicks how to remove growing plants and ivy which were pushing stones apart. By year 2000 he had removed all growth from three monuments Clutterbuck-Wood Urn, Jackson Obelisk, Billingsley-Sharp Chest.



St John's Church did not have money to look at this problem – responsibility for monuments rests with the descendents of the family, if they exist. Year 2002 Harrow Borough allocated Section 106 money £19,000 for work on the monuments to St John's Church. After delays Caroe and Partners Patrick Crawford worked with Plowden and Smith, stonemasons completed major repairs on the Urn and security work on the Obelisk which should prevent further deterioration. Less complicated was the Chest – Plowden and Smith taught Michael Oliver and Frederick Hicks to remove weeds and use lime mortar fill cracks to prevent further plants growing – this saved some £3,000. £19,000 covered all costs!

Year 2009 Harrow Borough Conservation and English Heritage declared these three monuments safe from further deterioration so they are not on 2010 at risk Register.

1632 Brick Church Ruin Repairs

Domesday Book of 1086 lists Stanmore as having a priest with half a hide of land. There was the Saxon-Medieval /Church of St Mary, in use until 17 July 1632 when William Laud, Bishop of London consecrated the Church of St John the Evangelist, built entirely of soft red brick, second church still consecrated. Population increase led to the stone third church in 1850.



1851 demolition of brick church began, materials to be sold to offset cost of new one, when with roof south wall gone Stanmore people decided to stop it, so it is now a ruin! 2007 with deterioration from time and the elements since consolidation 1991-3 three areas when detected needed attention.

- 1 W Tower Arch – brickwork at base badly eroded which needs to be rebuilt.
- 2 W opening to South Wall – rebuild brickwork to prevent further deterioration.
- 3 East Window Cill – improve stone cill and brickwork to prevent plant growth.

Frederick Hicks, Chairman of Great Stanmore Old Church Working Group from 1989, a subgroup of the Parochial Church Council, recommended to the PCC that repairs were necessary with funds needing to be raised. PCC agreed.

Caroe and Partners, architect Patrick Crawford and Massey Masonry, stonemasons were appointed, work was completed end of June 2010 at a cost of some £19,000 again. Old Church Consolidation Fund of £10,000 + St John's Appeal for £5,000.

The work was good, all rubbish and debris removed leaving the ruin neat and tidy and most inviting.

Still needed the Grants from Harrow Heritage Trust of £3,000 and Heritage of London Trust of £2,000. St John's Church is most grateful for these two grants.

July 2010 from the top of the tower Michael Oliver and Frederick Hicks spotted a fir tree on north side of the ruin, so two days later climbed up there and removed it. Did that not save the Parish some hundreds of pounds?



2010 Ten years now since Autumn 2000 article, Harrow Observer of 5 August 2010 had a good Article by David Baker in glowing terms describing how St John's Church achieved not only removal of the three at risk monuments from English Heritage list but also managed to repair three deteriorated areas in 1632 brick Church. Further deterioration will now be delayed.

Very many thanks are due not only to the Harrow Observer but also to the Harrow Heritage Trust which helps support so much of the heritage of Harrow.

Frederick Hicks

Chairman Great Stanmore Old Church Working Group

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF HARROW HERITAGE TRUST

Objectives:

To secure the protection, preservation, restoration and improvement of the character and amenities of the London Borough of Harrow for the benefit and enjoyment of the public generally and especially the inhabitants of the Borough, and to promote the preservation of land and buildings of beauty or historic interest as well as areas of ecological or other scientific or environmental importance within the Borough and to promote schemes and awards to assist the attainment of these objectives.

Aims:

1. To promote awareness and responsibility for the environment through involving people in suggesting schemes, implementing them and rewarding achievements;
2. To develop and implement environmental improvement schemes in local centres, residential and industrial areas;
3. To improve the urban scene through street face-lift schemes, cleaning facades, planting and the restoration of special features;
4. To protect and enhance buildings of particular historic significance, for example, Headstone Manor;
5. To develop walks, trails or sites to provide access for the public to our natural environment;
6. To promote public works of art in Harrow;
7. To promote high quality design in new buildings and landscaping projects through the HHT/Observer Award Scheme;
8. To provide published material which records and illustrates our heritage for use in schools and by the general public;
9. To encourage ecological protection and the preservation of natural resources.



Ormont, Harrow Park, Harrow on the Hill.

THE TRUST'S EQUAL OPPORTUNITY POLICY

The Harrow Heritage Trust is committed to achieving equality of opportunity and freedom from discrimination in the services it provides, in its employment policies and practices and in its recruitment and treatment of volunteers.

The Harrow Heritage Trust will continue to pursue its objectives in a way which is responsive to the needs of Harrow residents, which reflects Harrow's multi-cultural heritage and which ensures that all receive an equal quality of service, irrespective of gender, marital status, colour, race, nationality or ethnic or national origins, disability, age, religion or sexual orientation.

With regard to employment, the Trust's policy is that there will be no discrimination in recruitment, employment conditions, training and promotion. Furthermore, our aim is that the Trustees and the Executive Committee reflect the composition of the Harrow community in which they are based.

THE TRUST'S ANTI-RACISM POLICY

The Harrow Heritage Trust confirmed its full support for the findings of the MacPherson Report on the Stephen Lawrence Inquiry at the Borough Conference in 1999.

This report defines institutional racism as “The collective failure of an organisation to provide an appropriate and professional service to people because of their colour, culture or ethnic origin. It can be seen or detected in processes, attitudes and behaviour which amount to discrimination through unwitting prejudice, ignorance, thoughtlessness and racist stereotyping which disadvantage minority ethnic people.”

The Harrow Heritage Trust has a strong policy of encouraging all members of the public to participate in our various activities and initiatives. To this end, we successfully applied to the Millennium Commission for funds to enable us to translate relevant publications into the languages of some ethnic people, and for display boards for presentations at meetings of their own organisations.

HARROW HERITAGE TRUST - CHARITY NO 1072773**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES****YEAR TO 31st MARCH 2010**

FUND	UN- RESTRICTED FUND	RESTRICTED FUND	RESTRICTED FUND	RESTRICTED FUND	RESTRICTED FUND	TOTAL 2010 £	TOTAL 2009 £
	GENERAL £	PUBLIC WORKS OF ART £	HERITAGE GRANTS £	WORK WITH YOUNG PEOPLE £	HEADSTONE MANOR APPEAL £		
INCOMING RESOURCES							
Subscriptions & Donations	1478	0	0	0	25	1503	1303
Local Authority Grants	6600	0	15000	1500	0	23100	23100
Other Grants	1735	0	0	0	0	1735	0
Deposit Interest	315	86	598	24	17	1040	4954
Total Incoming Resources	10128	86	15598	1524	42	27378	29357
RESOURCES EXPENDED							
Direct Charitable Expenditure	7599	0	20000	952	0	28551	12509
Administration	2312	0	0	0	0	2312	2268
Total Resources Expended	9911	0	20000	952	0	30863	14777
NET RESOURCES EXPENDED	217	86	-4402	572	42	-3485	14580
MOVEMENT IN FUNDS							
Transfer between funds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Funds at 1 April 09 b/fwd	31410	10858	75698	2447	2394	122807	108227
Total Funds at 31 March 2010	31627	10944	71296	3019	2436	119322	122807
REPRESENTED BY BALANCE SHEET							
Debtors & Prepayments	793	0	0	0	0	793	0
Balances on Deposit	56888	10864	71015	3345	2213	144325	121685
Balances at Bank	1185	80	281	-326	223	1443	1842
Total Current Assets	58866	10944	71296	3019	2436	146561	123527
Less Creditors and Accruals	27239	0	0	0	0	27239	720
Net Assets at 31 March 2010	31627	10944	71296	3019	2436	119322	122807

HARROW HERITAGE TRUST-CHARITY NO 1072773**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS****YEAR TO 31ST MARCH 2010****Accounting Policies**

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities issued in February 2005

INCOMING RESOURCES

	2010	2009
	£	£
SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS		
GENERAL FUND		
Membership subscriptions and tax recovered	1,116	1,227
Donations including from Silver Arrow Competition	362	15
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	1,478	1,242
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WORK WITH YOUNG PEOPLE	-	36
HEADSTONE MANOR APPEAL		
Donation	25	25
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TOTAL SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS	1,503	1,303
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GRANTS FROM LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW		
Historic Buildings	15,000	15,000
Harrow Nature Conservation Forum	4,000	4,000
Work with Young People	1,500	1,500
Plaques	300	300
Graffiti Removal	100	100
Administration and unspecified	2,200	2,200
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	23,100	23,100
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OTHER GRANTS		
BAE 'Section 106' funding	1,735	-
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	1,735	-
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DEPOSIT INTEREST		
Accounts held with COIF Charities Deposit Fund	1,040	4954
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TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	27,378	29,357
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HARROW HERITAGE TRUST-CHARITY NO 1072773**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)****YEAR TO 31ST MARCH 2010****RESOURCES EXPENDED**

	2010	2009
	£	£
DIRECT CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE		
GENERAL FUND		
Harrow Nature Conservation Forum	7,096	5,443
Silver Arrow Competition Insignia	253	-
Harrow Council Visitors Guide publicity	150	-
Donation to Zoroastrian Centre	100	-
Other	-	1,553
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	7,599	6,996
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HERITAGE GRANTS		
West House, Pinner restoration	10,000	-
Bernays Memorial Hall, Stanmore refurbishment	10,000	-
St. John the Evangelist Church, Stanmore-fence repair	-	500
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	20,000	500
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WORK WITH YOUNG PEOPLE		
Victorian Washday Servant costumes for use of schools at Harrow Museum (2009 Tudor costumes)	250	4,758
Hatch End High School 'Here in Harrow' exhibition	552	-
Harrow St. Mary's Cricket Club Youth Weekend	150	-
Schools Bio-diversity Competition awards	-	255
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	952	5,013
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TOTAL DIRECT CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE	28,551	12,509
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ADMINISTRATION EXPENDITURE	2,312	2,268
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TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	30,863	14,777
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HARROW HERITAGE TRUST-CHARITY NO 1072773**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)****YEAR TO 31ST MARCH 2010****HERITAGE GRANT COMMITMENTS AT 31ST MARCH 2010**

	2010	2009
	£	£
Bernays Garden restoration, Stanmore	7,000	
Heritage tombs and memorials repairs at All Saints Churchyard, Harrow Weald	2,000	
Stained glass window repairs at St. John the Evangelist Church, Stanmore	690	
Resurface path to Viewpoint	800	
Rainwater pipe renewal both at St. Mary's Church, Harrow on the Hill	1,700	
Blackwell Memorial Gate survey, at Harrow Weald Recreation Ground	950	
Old Brick Church, Stanmore repairs	3,000	
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TOTAL COMMITMENTS	16,140	19,000
Available for future allocation	55,156	56,698
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HERITAGE GRANTS FUND AT 31st MARCH 2010	71,296	75,698
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NOTES**CREDITORS**

Creditors at 31st March 2010 included £26,600 received in the year from Harrow Council relating to funds paid by Harrow Strategic Partnership under the Local Area Agreement. This sum is to be spent on designated projects in four open spaces in Harrow under terms set out in an agreement dated 5th November 2009. This sum will be released to revenue as and when the related expenditure has been incurred.

TRUSTEES AND RELATED PARTIES

During the year:

1. a number of trustees were reimbursed expenditure of £3,380 (2009 £2,220) incurred by them on the Trust's behalf.
2. certain transactions, eg the receipt of grants and payment/receipt of subscriptions, took place between Harrow Heritage Trust and other bodies associated with certain trustees.
3. Michael Carmody, a trustee of Harrow Heritage Trust, is also a Trustee of St John the Evangelist Church, Stanmore, for which a heritage grant is included in the list of commitments.

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on 14th July 2010 and signed on their behalf by:

Martin Verden

Robin Youle

Chairman

Hon. Treasurer

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Harrow Heritage Trust

I hereby report on your accounts for the year ended 31st March 2010 as set out on the attached pages.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees & Examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that the audit requirement of S43 (2) of Charities Act 93 (CA93 The Act), as amended by S28 of the Charities Act 2006, does not apply. It is my responsibility to report, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under S43 (7) (b) of the Act, as amended, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under S43 (7) (b) of the Act, as amended. That examination includes a review of your accounting records and a comparison of the accounts to those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and to seek explanations from you to them. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's statement

During my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep proper accounting records in accordance with S41 CA93: &
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and the requirements of that Act, have not been met; or
- 2) to which, I believe, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

C J Backhouse BA (Hons) FCA, MAAT
Hon. Independent Examiner
Miller House
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30th July 2010

THE WORK OF HARROW HERITAGE TRUST

I have represented the Hatch End Association on the Harrow Heritage Trust (the Trust) since it was founded in 1985 by the Mayor of Harrow, Councillor Peter Pitt, as the charity for his year of office. Generally it is made up of Trustees from amenity associations, such as ours, local history groups, architects, nature conservationists and four councillors. Peter Pitt remained chairman until his death in 1991 when Martin Verden took over.

The aims of the Trust are to make Harrow a better place in which to live, work, relax and play by enhancing, protecting and caring for our urban landscape, including buildings old and new as well as conserving the natural landscape, parks and green open spaces, much of which is in green belt. Also, to make people aware of our local heritage through preserving the best of the past and designing for the future. The bulk of the Trust's income comes from grants, donations and members' subscriptions.

The Trust works independently of the Council and its day to day work is undertaken by sub-committees, supervised by an executive committee. These groups cover Graffiti Removal, Heritage Grants, Nature Conservation Forum, Plaques, Public Works of Art, Work with Young People, Architectural & Environmental Awards.

The Trust manages the Heritage Grants account, formerly the Historic Buildings Grant, for the Council. Grants are considered where primary finance is provided by the owner of the building or land or where grants from other bodies are available too. Over the years, the Harrow Museum and Heritage Centre at Headstone Manor has been a key beneficiary of the grant in bringing this complex of a part 13th century, moated manor house, associated barns and a granary nearer to complete restoration. Recently, funds have been allocated towards the £1 million restoration of West House in Pinner. This project, mainly funded by the local community, is opening in June and will eventually house the William Heath Robinson Collection amongst other exhibits. Funding is also given to smaller projects, such as towards the re-tiling of the roof of a locally listed building.

Sponsored by organisations or individuals, the Trust has erected twenty-four brown plaques on buildings of note around the borough. Pictured below, Gerald Horsley's 1911 Hatch End station building and Richard Norman Shaw's late Victorian, Grimsdyke House, now a hotel. Out of interest, Grimsdyke Hotel also has a blue plaque with three names on it, Norman Shaw, Frederick Goodhall, painter and William S. Gilbert writer and librettist. There are four plaques along the course of the ancient monument, Grim's Ditch, which runs across the north of the borough from Pinner to Stanmore for six miles, in fragments.

The Harrow Nature Conservation Forum maintains nine nature reserves across the borough with the help of around fifty volunteers. They have work days at weekends and encourage the involvement of young people. They publish leaflets describing the various open spaces and trails and several times a year organise themed walks, such as an evening bat walk. The group also keep an eye on threats to Harrow's green belt.

In partnership with the Harrow Observer, the Harrow Heritage Trust organises the biennial Architectural & Environmental Awards, including a Special Environmental Award for a school project. In the past, winners have included the Zoroastrian Centre in Rayners Lane, where the former Art Deco cinema was sympathetically restored and the restoration of the Vaughan Library at Harrow School. This year there were thirty-three entries ranging from a school, new houses, a church porch to a new stretch of the River Pinn and a rockery made out of an old air-raid shelter and we hope some of the projects will be entered into the 2011 Civic Trust Awards scheme.

Article by

Anne Swinson

Civic Trust Awards Local Advisor.



Grimsdyke Hotel



Headstone Manor



Hatchend Station



At A Glance

We have been working for the past 25 years.

Who are we? Harrow Heritage Trust is an umbrella amenity organisation in Harrow.

Our aim: to enhance, preserve, protect and care for our urban landscape including old and new buildings, parks and green open spaces.

How do we do it? we work in partnership with Harrow Council, local amenity societies, interested groups and the community at large.

Our achievements:

‘All of the works of the Trust are related and dedicated to make Harrow a better place in which to live, work, relax and play.’

We have:

‘Taken initiatives to make people aware of our local heritage through preserving the best of the past, and designing for the future.’

‘Successfully carried out 13 biennial Architectural & Environmental Awards including Special Environmental Awards for schools.’

‘Maintained 10 nature reserves.’

‘Commissioned and installed 12 Public Works of Art.’

‘Recognised and affixed 24 historic plaques.’

‘Distributed many Historic Building Grants, resulting in several million pounds’ worth of restoration work throughout the borough.’

‘We support the future restoration of Headstone Manor, which is one of the most historic and archeological buildings in Harrow.’



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