

THORNE-MOORENDS TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2008-09

1. SUMMARY OF THE COUNCILS ACTIVITIES DURING THE YEAR



During 2008-2009 as well as targeting amenity areas such as Thorne Park and Peel Hill Motte, the Town Council completed the refurbishment of the Moorends Community Centre and constructed a new Pavilion together with major pitch improvements at Coulman Recreation Ground.

Left: Opening of the New Coulman Pavilion by the Mayor, Carol Williams

The Council has provided/supported a number of events during the year including:

- **Remembrance Day Celebrations.**
- Free **Brass Band Concerts** in Thorne Memorial Park.
- **Thorne Summer Festival.**
- Free **Firework Display** set to music held at Moorends Welfare Ground.
- Support to **Farmers Market.**
- **Christmas Illuminations** in Thorne and Moorends.
- **Sports Sessions** for children and young people.

The Mayor has made donations to the following groups:

Age Concern	Thorne Model Railway
Clouds Counselling	Thorne Moorends Community Radio
Chestnut House Patients Group	Thorne Rural Lions
Ghurkha Group Welfare	Thorne Tigers Swimming Club
New Carefree Jazz Band	Trinity Academy
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2. PROJECTS

2.1 Coulman Recreation Ground Project

The Council's largest ever project was undertaken during the year with the construction of a new multi-use pavilion at Coulman Recreation Ground to replace the old small changing room together with drainage works and the laying of new pitches.

Work on the new building started in June 2008 and the building was handed over on 14th January 2009 on time and on budget.



The new facilities are open to everyone in the community to use through the normal Council booking system. It is hoped that the new building, for which the Council has obtained a Premise Licence under the 2003 Licensing Act, will be suitable for various clubs and societies to use as well as for private functions.



2.2 Moorends Community Centre



The Moorends Community Centre was officially opened on 30th October 2008, after an £80,000 facelift.

Work was completed on the building in June 2008, it now has a new roof, the main hall floor stabilised, new windows and security shutters installed, rendering replaced, new damp proof course, damp affected internal plaster replaced, new lighting and kitchen floor covering.

The building was reopened by the Mayor Councillor Carol Williams at an event attended by all those involved in the refurbishment together with users and local residents who were invited.

Subject to obtaining funding, the Town Council hopes to carry out further improvements including new stage curtains and other stage equipment; restoring the original entrance from Northgate; converting the bar into a lounge area for multi-use; improvements to the car park, external lighting and landscaping.



2.3 PEEL HILL MOTTE

The Council has continued with the work to improve Peel Hill Motte a major part of which was carried out in 2007, comprising the infilling and turfing of damaged areas and the construction of steps to the top and a path around the base. Funding has been obtained from the Rural Target Fund for further work part of which was carried out during the year, including a Community Archaeology Project and an archaeological dig which was led by Sheffield University Archaeology Unit (ARCUS) and took place from Monday 13th to Sunday 19th October 2008.

There were three trenches dug, two at the base and one at the top of the Motte which revealed foundations of the Keep. There was lots of opportunity for residents of all ages to take part and the many interesting discoveries were presented at a meeting of Thorne Local History Society on 10th February 2009.



During 2009 further phases of work will be carried out including:

- Production of a new leaflet
- More on-site interpretation
- New seating, bins etc.

3. LIST OF CURRENT COUNCILLORS

The following Councillors were elected in May 2007:

MOORENDS WARD

Councillor B. M. Chowings
Councillor C. Dallas
Councillor G. S. Garth
Councillor Mrs P. Richardson
Councillor C. Taylor-Hatem
Councillor A. Want

THORNE WARD

Councillor D. Barton
Councillor P. Best
Councillor A. Brookes
Councillor M. Green
Councillor K. Redmile
Councillor J. P. Walker
Councillor S. R. Walker
Councillor C. Williams
Councillor M. Williams

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4. DRAFT FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Y/E 31/3/08 (Audited)		Y/E 31/3/09 (PROVISIONAL)
£	INCOME	£
292,092	Precept	306,405
87,434	Capital Receipts and Grants	1,007,196
10,455	Interest	4,772
14,110	Leisure and Recreation	11,086
217	Allotments	292
69,118	Cemetery	58,958
9,194	Market	12,472
32,487	Community Centres	31,508
23,952	Miscellaneous Grants	10,506
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	EXPENDITURE	
151,202	Establishment/General Administration	148,226
9,073	Election Expenses	-
171,409	Capital and Projects Expenditure	979,243
-	Loan Interest and Loan Repayments	15,609
	Operational Expenditure:	
84,838	Leisure and Recreation	83,403
-	Allotments	-
50,288	Cemetery	49,633
14,388	Market	14,697
95,156	Community Centres	92,096
23,291	Miscellaneous	31,482
10,988	Vehicles and Equipment	11,069
7,025	Grants and S137	4,979
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