



Go Local On a Better Environment

Caversham Globe - Annual Report 2009

The following have been part of our activities during 2009:

Planted new cherry tree (Prunus Kanzan) in Balmore Walk to replace a dead tree which had blown down. **Planted 2m of additional hedging in Balmore Walk** to fill gap along allotment fence.

RESCUE (Rivers & Environmental Spaces Clean-up) during March 2009 Globe members carried out extensive litter-picks at **Balmore Walk, Hill's Meadow, View Island** (including the **Mill Stream** footpath) and **Christchurch Meadows** (along George Street edge). In total around 25 sackfulls of litter were collected; three shopping trolleys were removed from the Thames and Mill Stream along with wood and other materials which had been flytipped at Balmore Walk and Hill's Meadow.

Produced new leaflets for displaying in Caversham Library and **Posters** for noticeboards.

Wrote two items in Caversham Bridge newspaper to promote Globe and environmental issues.

Summer tree care - regularly watering the new cherry and hedge in Balmore Walk
Regularly watering the new beech tree at The Cloisters, Priest Hill

Liaised with Reading Borough Council Parks Dept over landscaping issues affecting Balmore Walk, Christchurch Meadows, Hill's Meadow, King's Meadow (including The Coal woodland), Thames Prom, Westfield Rec, Picton Way footpath.

Caversham Lock Island / King's Meadow Area Produced detailed comments on the two bids for this area for tabling to the Culture & Sport Scrutiny Panel of 25 March. Verbal presentation also given at the Scrutiny Panel. Globe papers and presentation given to Cabinet meeting on 14 April.

Continue to liaise with other local community organisations including:

Caversham & District Residents Association (CADRA),
Emmer Green Residents' Association (EGRA),
Eye & Dunsden Parish Council.
Reading Urban Wildlife Group (RUWG)
Bell Tower Community Association (west side of Caversham Rd)

Reading Borough Council Site Allocations (Local Development Framework) Globe submitted detailed responses to RBC Site Allocations consultation on sites proposed for protection and development.

South Oxfordshire Site Allocations Globe is monitoring applications from developers for building in rural areas adjacent to the Caversham boundary. Six specific sites have been put forward so far by Developers. Liaising with CADRA and EGRA over these and have submitted formal objections.

Continued to attend and participate in meetings of **Econet**, the **Reading Globe Alliance (TREGA)** and the **Green City & Open Spaces Forum**.

Planning Applications Globe continue to monitor planning applications and comment as necessary, particularly with regard to environmental issues.

Globe members continue to tackle graffiti around the Caversham area on an ad hoc basis and to send regular reports on graffiti to local police. We have also repainted several badly faded or graffiti covered green telecom boxes.

Globe is participating in the council's regular **Environment Visual Audits**

Launched a Caversham Globe Web site in June 2009 - www.cavershamglobe.org.uk

Updated our Constitution - approved at the AGM on 2 July 2009.

Organised a Public Meeting on 6 August with guest speaker Ben Stanesby Parks Manager,

Launched a Battery Recycling scheme in September 2009 with collection points in four shops around Caversham. These are emptied regularly by Globe members and taken to central RBC collection points to be sent for recycling.

Drafted new **Complaints Policy** and **Safeguarding Policy** - approved at meeting on 3 Dec 2009