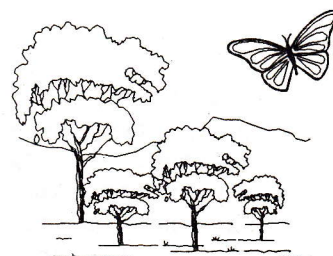


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AGM Report

The meeting was attended by 30 people, much the same as last year. Your annual subscription, still only £1.00, is due. This brings you the Newsletter approximately 6 times a year. A form for your renewal is included.

The New Committee

Welcome to Tony Tilford who joins the committee for the first time. Myself (minutes) and Pam Ford (membership) take over from Anne Girling as Secretary, and Steve Dawson replaces Gordon Prest as Treasurer. Peter Hunter and Elaine Tucker also stay on the Committee. As no-one else has come forward to be Chairman, John Thurman has agreed to continue until the end of July, but pressure of work will mean that he will have to hand over to someone else at that time. We still seek a volunteer! If you can help in any capacity, please contact John Thurman, telephone 55329.

Here is the Chairman's address to the AGM, for those not present.

Chairman's Report, 1991 - 1992

The activities listed overleaf illustrate the fact that pressure on the Valley has not diminished. Indeed, the development potential in the hinterland of the Southern Bypass, and the continuing consultations leading to the adoption of the Local Authorities' Local Plans, have made the last two years a crucial period for the future of the area.

Looking ahead, unprecedented growth at UEA and the construction of the new District Hospital at Colney will change the 'heart' of the Valley and put strains on the infrastructure. This, with continuing pressure for a large retail development further south and a host of smaller planning applications, will call for continuing vigilance by the Society.

Our membership numbers have remained healthy at well over 200, but we urgently need more people prepared to be active and to serve on the committee. Our secretary for three years, Ann Girling, 'retired' in the new year for family reasons. We are most grateful to her for her past work, and also to Gordon Prest who finally departs as Treasurer, having continued for an extra year. As this is my last report as Chairman, I should like to add my thanks to all other members of the committee, past and present, to our Newsletter distributors and those many members who have given moral and material support.

The Society has an important job to do, and our voice is increasingly respected. A few more people willing to give a few hours a month to the cause is all we need. This is surely not too much to ask?

John Thurman, May 1992

Summary of Activities, 1991 - 1992

Comments on Planning Applications

Opposed the appeal against the refusal of planning permission for housing on **Softley Drive, Cringleford**. (The enquiry found against the developer.)

Opposed plans for flats at **Chestnut Hill, Eaton**. (Planning permission refused by City Council; appeal pending.)

Commented on proposed alterations to the **Roof of Roy's Store Eaton**. (Enforcement order for the removal of ventilation plant still under dispute.)

Objected to plans for extending **Gravel Works at Colney**.

Commented on aspects of application for leisure development at **Colney Hall**. (Result awaited.)

Objected to temporary buildings at the **AGR Site, Cringleford**. (After public enquiry, they were ordered to remove them.)

Opposed major development proposal by Peregrine Developments, for the **Harford/Ipswich Road Area**. (Still unresolved.)

Other representations

Supported **Greenbelt Proposal** in the review of the County Structure Plan. (Result of the Examination in Public still awaited.)

The Chairman spoke at the Norwich Environmental Forum about our concerns over the way plans were passed for **building at UEA**, and wrote to UEA urging due consideration for the landscape during and after building. Questions were also raised about fencing around the relocated rabbit research colony.

Representations were made about **parking on Eaton Street**. (Restrictions are now in place.)

We supported the Waveney Valley Action Group's fight against the proposed road on **Anderson's Meadow**.