

Chairman's Report 2017/2018

It is my pleasure to once again, present the Chairman's Report to the CARP AGM for the year 2017/2018.

We were awarded Level 5 “Outstanding” in the South west in Bloom, Its Your Neighbourhood Scheme, for 2017. Well done to all the volunteers who worked so hard to achieve this result. Judging for 2018 took place last week and we look forward to hearing the results in the Autumn. Thanks to everyone for their work, especially for the pallet planter display and all the cleaning and weeding carried out during the recent very hot weather. Amongst other achievements for the year, was the purchase and installation of two more items of gym equipment. It is pleasing to see how well the outdoor gym is being used by people of all ages.

The digging and re-sewing of areas of the wild flower meadow are beginning to show positive results. This year there was a very good display of poppies. CARP now has a rotavator on long term loan so the good news is, less digging by the volunteers and an even better display next year.

Phase 1 of the mound wall restoration was finally signed off in January, 2018. This month we have heard that planning permission for Phase 2 (Area west of Chaveywell) has been granted. We look forward to the commencement of that work. No date is known. It would be good to be able to report completion of that work at the next AGM (fingers crossed).

As to future projects your committee has decided that a full condition survey of the River Marden is vital to enable plans to be drawn up for future management and improvements to Calne's river. An application to the Ninevah Trust has been submitted for funding. We should hear within 2 months if we have been successful. At that point, a professional survey would be carried out in the Autumn. The results would then be presented to the wider community for consideration.

Finally, I thank the Trustees for their support throughout the year and to all the volunteers who attend our working parties. The positive feedback from members of the public about Castlefields Park, is a testament to all their hard work.

Denis Robinson, Chairman

19th July, 2018.