

## East Rural Network AGM 15<sup>th</sup> September 2009

### Chairs Report

It's been a funny year of sorts; firstly the Network has changed the way it works. We now have our own constitution and can raise funds for projects within the East Rural area. The first project being the tram shelter, although we have had some hiccups with it, and mistakes have been made, these of which will be learnt from. Secondly the East Rural Walks booklet, which on the whole has been a great success, with a few complaints which again will be learnt from.

I would like to thank the sub working group Walks around East Rural for all their hard work in producing these booklets.

On Saturday was our first ever fundraising event which raised £500 towards projects, although we were low in numbers a good time was had by all. Again without the hard work by members this would not have happened. Hopefully more successful events will follow.

The first Newsletter was also produced and delivered around the area.

We have also lost our vicar Geoff Mumford who has moved on and have gained the Rev. Terry Dyer.

I would like to thank terry for allowing us to collect bottles in church to help with our fundraising

The sad part to our year is that we will be losing Gwen who over the last 8 to 9 years has given so much valuable support to the Network, myself and the late Cllr. Fred Slater, who along with Gwen got the Network up and running. Gwen will be sadly missed and we wish her well in her new role and we look forward to working with Tim Birch, Darwen and Rurals neighbourhood manager.

We can only move on, onwards and upwards as a Network.

Cllr Julie Slater  
Chair East Rural Network