



Heald Green Ratepayers' Association

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Dear Members & Neighbours,

Chair's Report – Heald Green Ratepayers' Association

Over the past year, I've had countless conversations and received many emails from residents who care deeply about our village – its cleanliness, safety, green spaces, and future. It's clear: people are passionate about Heald Green, and they want to see it thrive.

Understandably, one of the most common questions I hear is: “*Why isn't something being done?*” The reality is that Stockport Council, like many local authorities across the country is currently operating with very stretched resources. That means we, as a community, need to find local solutions for local challenges.

And we *have* stepped up.

From tidying our streets to maintaining our parks and organising community events, Heald Green residents have shown real initiative and pride. But right now, much of this work is being done by a small number of dedicated volunteers. To continue making a difference – and to grow our impact – we need more people to get involved.

Here's how you can help shape the future of Heald Green:

- **Join the Green Team** – help keep Heald Green clean, green, and welcoming.
- **Join the Events Team** – bring the community together through fun and meaningful activities.
- **Join the Ratepayers Committee** – ensure every voice in Heald Green is heard and represented.
- **Become a deliverer** – to help us to deliver leaflets on key local issues and our Contact magazine to every home in the ward.

Looking ahead, one of our key priorities is *representation*. As Heald Green grows and evolves, it's vital that the Ratepayers' Association reflects the diversity and energy of the entire village. We want every resident – no matter where they live or how long they've been here – to feel a sense of belonging and ownership in our community.

While events around the world remind us of the challenges many face globally, our focus here remains on what we *can* change: improving life in Heald Green for everyone. That's where we can make the biggest difference.

A heartfelt thank you



To all of our amazing volunteers – whether you’ve picked up litter, planted flowers, helped with events, or attended meetings – thank you. Your efforts are the reason Heald Green remains such a special place to live.

However, we must also be honest about the road ahead. The Treasurer’s Report highlights that to continue our work – and to grow it – we need to increase both membership and financial support. Without that, the Ratepayers’ Association, which has served Heald Green for nearly a century, will face real challenges in continuing its work.

But we believe in this community. And we believe that, together, we can not only sustain the Ratepayers – but ensure it flourishes for the next 100 years and beyond.

Now is the time to get involved, stay connected, and be part of something positive.

Together, we can keep Heald Green thriving.

Sincerely,

John Williams
Chair