Cottenham Village Design Group

# Newsletter Issue 10 - September 2010

AUTUMN SHOW 2010

# Fen Edge Community Association Autumn Show

The Design Group had a display at the FECA Autumn Show and celebration of village life at Cottenham Village College on 11 September, providing more information about the group and hopefully this may lead to a few new members as there was considerable interest, especially in the Design Statement itself.

Mike Smith Chair



# **Dates For Your Diary**

#### Tour of Accordia

10am Saturday 16th October Brooklands Avenue, Cambridge

#### 800 Years at All Saints Church

Weekend 30<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> October All Saints, Cottenham

# 800 Years at All Saints Church

On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October we will be providing a flower display at All Saints Church on Saturday and Sunday as the church is celebrating its 800th birthday. Do come along and enjoy the atmosphere of this historic church and see the (no doubt wonderful!) arrangement from the Design Group. Can you guess the name of the Saint that will be the inspiration for the display? We would like to thank Joyce Horkley for agreeing to give her skill and time to this.



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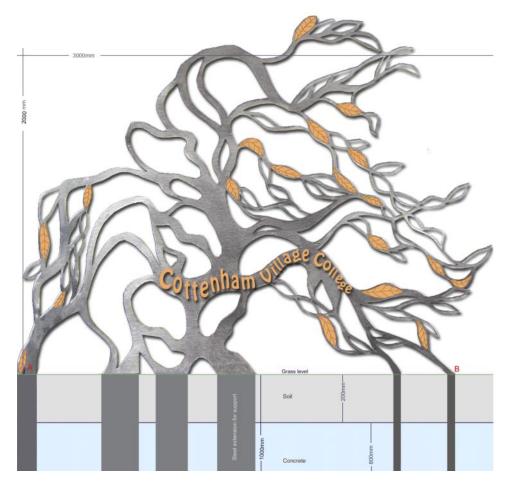
#### Cottenham Public Art Scheme

Earlier this year artist Wendy Briggs was commissioned to design and create a sculpture to mark the entrance to Cottenham Village College site. Following workshops with students and the wider community, a design was agreed and consent for planning permission was given. The work, which is due to be installed this autumn, is based on a tree form which is blowing in the wind, the branches and leaves appear to direct people towards the building. The sheen of the surface reflects the colour and light of the surroundings, and the twisting branches echo that of the trees nearby.

The project has been supported by stART Cottenham and Impington, and South Cambridgeshire District Council. It has paved the way for Wendy to extend the scheme with funds from Iceni Homes – the creators of a new development in the village called Worland Way.

As well as installing the new artwork, Wendy will be:

- inviting local primary school children to create word lists and poems on the theme of the natural environment.
   Their work will be transferred onto fabric ribbons to wrap around the trees (in a similar way to the protective wrappings around new saplings, the intention is to highlight the need to protect and preserve this environment).
- inviting local residents of all ages to come along to the official artwork opening which will a celebration of the



natural environment and will coincide with the family tree wrapping activity.

- working with local residents from Worland Way to look at planting fruit trees – referencing Cottenham's strong heritage.
- leading glass fusing workshops with students from the Village College to contribute to a glass installation for the new Sixth Form and Community Centre at Cottenham.
- creating a touring map of Cottenham which is created by the people who live here today. The map which is currently at the Village College, will be placed in

several venues and given to a variety of groups to add any information, stories, places of interest, historical facts, and so forth. The map will then be reproduced and available as a source of local knowledge about Cottenham.

If you would like to contribute to the touring map, or to find out any more about the scheme and the activities taking place please contact Artist Wendy Briggs on wendyannebriggs@hotmail.co.uk or local Arts Development Manager Amy Wormald on amy@start-arts.org.uk or 01954 288748.

Amy Wormald (Arts Development Manager for Cottenham and Impington area) Non-member



# Self-Guided Audio Tour of Stirling Prize 2008 Winner – Accordia Development

The Design Group gives notice of a visit to the Accordia housing development in Cambridge, starting at 10am on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

"Low down on the bookies' lists, nobody expected the housing development in Cambridge to win: least of all its architects"

Tom Dyckhoff – The Times

Consisting of 378 dwellings, the completed development echoes the style and fabric of an existing Cambridge terrace, but brings the idea up to date with modern design ideas

"Some day all housing will be built this way"

Matt Weaver – Guardian

Set around and between bands of existing mature landscaping and providing large areas of public open space the quality of the architectural design and the materials is exemplary.

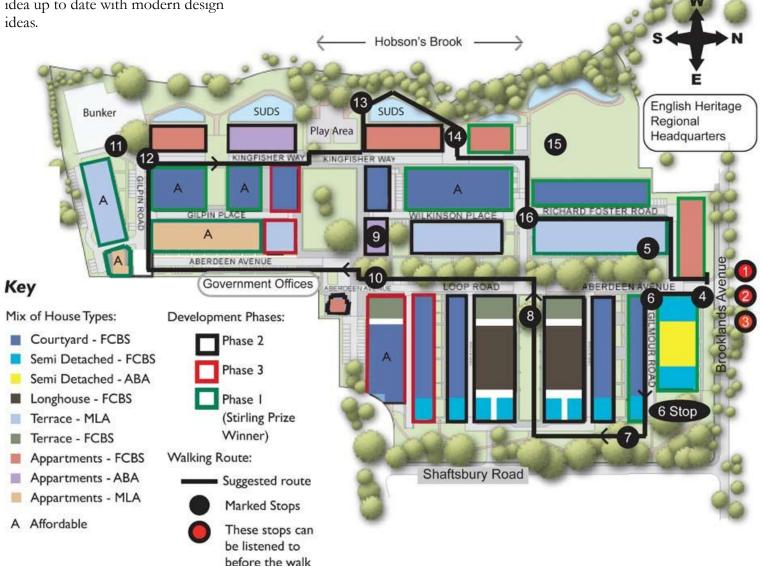
It is the intention of the group to meet on Brooklands Avenue at 10am, point 1 on the map below, and then to follow a podcast tour around the development.

The walk will take approximately 90 minutes to complete and covers a distance of roughly 1.2 km. An audio guide to the development can be downloaded from Shape East:

#### www.shape-east.org.uk/tours

After touring the development it has been suggested that members and guests may wish to follow up the tour with luncheon at a local hostelry – venue to be decided.

Alex Darby Information Officer







# Advance Notice of Annual General Meeting 2011

The 2011 Annual General Meeting and talk is nearly five months away but the committee are already thinking ahead. By publishing an article in the newsletter it is hoped to glean members input on possible topics for this important event; please email any ideas or suggestions to the committee.

#### AGM Agenda 2011

- Approve last year's minutes (available at <u>www.cvdg.org</u>)
- Review of the year's activities
- Planning summary
- Treasurer's report
- Membership and fees
- Q & A
- Election of committee and officers
- Any other business

#### Committee Members

The committee has five nominee places and up to ten elected members. Members serve for two years after which they may offer themselves for re-election. Officers hold their positions for a maximum of four years consecutively. The committee may co-opt up to three persons to fill vacancies.

The group's constitution is available at www.cvdg.org.

The current membership of the committee is shown on the right.

Five officer positions are up for election. Steven Poole and Bill Miller have reached the end of their terms as Planning Comments Coordinator and Treasurer respectively, so new candidates are required for both roles. The holders of the other posts may choose to stand for re-election.

Additionally two of the nominee positions are vacant: Cottenham Village Society and South Cambridgeshire District Council. If these are not taken up the committee positions may be filled by co-option.

#### Call to Action

If you are interested in joining the committee then put your name forward either by email or at the meeting. If you cannot attend then nominate yourself in writing to the membership secretary, Henry Le Brecht (membership@cvdg.org), by 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2011.

Alex Darby Information Officer

#### Committee 2010 - 2011

#### Officers

Mike Smith Chair (2009)
Patrick Clark Vice Chair (2009)
Clare Le Brecht Secretary (2010)
Bill Miller Treasurer (2007, 2009)

Henry Le Brecht

Membership Secretary (2010)

Steven Poole Planning Comments
Coordinator (2007, 2009)

Alex Darby Information Officer (2009)

#### Non-officers

Alexander Thoukydides (2010)
Robin Heydon (2010)
John Williams (2010)
Cllr Timothy Wotherspoon (2010)

#### **Nominees**

Mike Smith FECA

(vacant) Cottenham Village Society

Alan Leeks Cottenham PC

(vacant) South Cambridgeshire DC

Cllr Sue Gymer Cambridgeshire CC



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