

## SENIOR RANGER'S REPORT FOR October 08 to March 09

### STAFFING

- No staff changes

### VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers: October to February inclusive: 395

### COUNTRYSIDE CENTRE

Number of Groups/people from beginning October 2008 to end of February 2009 was as follows:

	Groups	Number of People	Income
01/10/06-28/02/07	132	2544	£12,000
01/10/07-28/02/08	139	3218	£17,000
01/10/08 – 28/02/09	172	3845	£20,300

These included such groups as:, Cambs Advisory Service, Great Fen Project

### CAFÉ

- The extension to the café began in November, with work occurring externally. On February 14<sup>th</sup> the visitors centre closed for the internal work to occur. The hand over date is expected to be 20<sup>th</sup> March with the opening at the end of the following week

### EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Big Draw was again very popular

Boxing Day walk, approximately 150 people

Green Santa not well publicised by the organisers, but a worthwhile event that environmental management would like to organise again in 2010

Huntingdon Field Day an extremely well attended event, with many families making a special visit. Generated much good will and publicity

### WIDER DISTRICT

- Godmanchester Nursery -trees and some site maintenance
- Holt Island - footpath creation, boardwalk repairs and tree work
- Ouse Valley Way-contractor has been used to cut back hedgerows and additional kissing gates

### PARK MANAGEMENT

- Tree surveys & associated work
- Willow regrowth has been cut around lake and chipped to use on footpaths. Much of this has been delivered to local schools as part of the new Outdoor Learning Manifesto
- Planting of the orchard, the trees were sponsored by the public, through the Friends

### FRIENDS OF HINCHINGBROOKE COUNTRY PARK

- Membership now –increased by 13 to 83 people
- Funds increasing due to the enthusiasm of the younger committee members. For example the Christmas Shopping evening and wine evening each raised £300
- The next big event is 19<sup>th</sup> April, Fun Run
- They have donated new tables, chairs and 2 high chairs for the cafe