



PROUD OF OUR VILLAGE

Supported by the villagers, *Swanland Parish Council* purchased the old village school that overlooks the village pond. Renovation and refurbishments were carried out and in 2005 the school became a vibrant community village hall. Run as a registered charity by a team of dedicated trustees, it has recently gained the prestigious award of Hallmark 1 and is heading rapidly towards Hallmark 2. With excellent conference facilities, a library and programmes to suit all ages from sports to cinema, it is now the centre of village activity.

In 2008, in conjunction with the *Swanland Wildlife Group* and *Swanland Village Association*, *Swanland Parish Council* won funding from Awards for All lotteries to restore the village pond. Members of all the groups, including *Swanland in Bloom* with residents from all walks of life joined together and began restoration work. They waded in the pond to clear rubbish, shovelled soil, planted, and hammered in stakes and protective cages. It took several days of hard teamwork and culminated with the installation of an information lectern and seat, unveiled and dedicated to the village by MEP, Diana Wallis.

While this was happening, *Swanland Village Association* raised funds to purchase a bespoke village sign, copies of which have been incorporated into the Parish Council logo as well as many of the village groups. Two signs were installed by the Parish Council and have now been given ownership. Funds are being raised to purchase more signs.

Members of the Parish Council (past and present) are involved with the village groups, all together forming a community with the well-being of *Swanland* at its heart. Follow the links from www.swanland.info and see what a great village we have. We have community spirit in *Swanland*!

Clerk to the Parish of Swanland