



## In February 2009 we consulted with the pupils of Rye Community Primary School

They were asked to answer two questions 'What do you like most about Rye?' and 'If you were Mayor for the day what would you build, buy or do to please the children who live or go to school in Rye?' They were also invited to enter a competition to illustrate one of their answers. 95 children participated with work of an exceptionally high standard; many of their answers reflected recent changes in the town and included ideas for the closed Freda Gardham and Tilling Green schools, which many had attended prior to their new school opening in September 2008. Some of the pupils had 'green' ideas, perhaps influenced by the environmentally-friendly building in which they study. The Mayor of Rye, Sam Souster, presented the winners with their prizes at a celebration assembly; County Councillor Keith Glazier was also in attendance. The best drawing and quotes are included here.

### FIRST PRIZE

"What I will change is to make Freda Gardham into a toy shop. I would also plant trees to make a wood so children learn more about nature. I will also plant some fruit trees so it's easier to get your 5 a day".

Eleanor Burnaby-Pritchard (age 8)

### RUNNERS UP

Hayward Lee (age 11) would like more cycle paths for people to use.

Amber Morris (age 8) would change a block of flats into a centre for abandoned pets.

### GRANDEST SCHEME

Alfie Taylor (age 9) would replace Freda Gardham with a Mall and include a gym, cinema, shops, restaurant and cafes. In winter there would be a skating rink and nothing should pollute the environment.

### COMMENDED

Gemma Carmichael (age 9) wants abandoned buildings improved so children would be encouraged to look after them.

Cathan McAree (age 6) would like a school for autistic children.

### MOST IMPRESSIVE HANDWRITING

Phoebe Cronshaw (age 10)

