



WORKING TOGETHER: Villagers of Alvingham and North Cockerington, near Louth, unite to unveil their new village signs, as part of the Millennium celebrations in the area.

AN OWL, A CHURCH AND A TRACTOR WELCOME VISITORS

Pupils sign up to mark Millennium

NEW road signs welcoming people to the neighbouring villages of Alvingham and North Cockerington, near Louth, have been unveiled to mark the Millennium.

By Peter Craig

A total of five signs were designed by the pupils of North Cockerington School. Some of the pupils attended an unveiling ceremony and were rewarded with boxes of sweets.

The Community Council of Lincolnshire's village hall advisory representative, John Barker, officiated, and said how pleased he was that the signs were erected to mark the Millennium in the two villages, rather than a dome!

He recalled how, over 30 years ago, he helped Louth get its ornate roadside signs.

Alvingham and North Cockerington's signs were made by local blacksmith, Bob Oakes.

Mr Barker said signs are important.

"It's all part of an English

village and the life of the community," he said.

The pupils designed the signs in the shape of an owl, a tractor and a church to reflect the links with the two nearby churches, St Adelwold's and St Mary's, which share the same churchyard.

Joining the pupils were representatives of the two villages, including Alvingham Parish Council chairman, Coun Philip Shucksmith; North Cockerington Village Meeting chairman, David Manders; the chairman of Alvingham village hall committee, Phil Davies and chairman of the two villages' Millennium committee, David Williamson.

New rules emergency

CHILDREN in East Louth hospital emergency procedure certain times, but instead go direct to hospital, health have been told.

The changes in paediatric out of hours were recommended by members of East Louth Community Care Group, consultant in public health, Rob Wilson.

He said there were a number of such cases brought to Louth accident and emergency ward each year.

Only about 70 would be taken directly to Grimsby or Lincolnshire paramedics.

Dr Donal Staunton said for some conditions, like meningitis, it was important that time was not wasted, but by using GP, he highlighted difficulties in diagnosing some children.

"It's a hard thing to do sometimes. That's why it should not be delegated to paramedics," he said.

Dr Wilson said the changes were accepted.