

# West Hagbourne Village Association

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## Chairman's Report 2021

November 2020 – in the absence of an AGM, Officers continued in their positions from the previous year as follows:

Chair – Margaret Leishman,

Vice chair – Ian Leishman,

Treasurer – June Little,

Secretary – Rob Rickard.

Executive committee - Val Walton, Rob Griffiths, Hazel Rack,

Betty Kendrick, Julie Freeland, Pierre Aller, Emma Rickard,

Bridget Pickup.

June Little presented the Treasurer's annual report.

Following the resignations of Rob & Emma Rickard, June Little took up the position of Association Secretary in April.

We were pleased to welcome 2 new Executive members, Marion Allin and Sheila Collins, in August.

### Summary of Association events & activities - 2020/2021.

#### Dragons 2021.

This year, our social events calendar started with the annual St George's Day dragons competition from 11<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> April. This proved very popular again and we were pleased to see 24 amazing dragons plus flags and bunting proudly displayed around the village. The event attracted many visitors with plenty of admiring comments, but sadly, we were unable to hold our dragon walk and teas again. Our judge, Caroline Coles, finally decided on best dragon at Sarnia, with the runner-up at Wycherts, and best child's entry was awarded to 18, York Road.

The cash prizes were delivered personally to the worthy winners.

### Village Walks

After a long break, these resumed with a summer walk on the 4<sup>th</sup> July, and autumn walk on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, attracting 8 and 10 walkers respectively. Both very enjoyable walks incorporated a welcome stop at Style Acre café in Blewbury for refreshments. Thank you to Julie for leading those.

### Madge Trophy & HUGS garden competitions

The Madge Trophy and HUGS garden competitions were judged simultaneously on 10<sup>th</sup> July. Our judges, Caroline and Laurie Hunt chose Lilley cottage at Manor Farm as this year's winner, with Green Thatch, 1, Manor Close, Ivy Barn, Woodleys and 4, Manor Close all getting special mentions in their report. The trophy was awarded to the Lay household at the village party in August.

### Village Community Party, Manor Farm – 14<sup>th</sup> August.

Although not run by the Association, the committee had an involvement in this event, not least, generously lending all our equipment free of charge to the organisers for the day. Our stand was very well received and showcased the Association's activities over the years since its formation. It was a good opportunity to meet with some of the village's newest residents, recruit some volunteer helpers for future events and gain 2 new committee members. Thank you all for your contributions in the organising and running of this.

### Macmillan Coffee Morning – 25<sup>th</sup> September.

Understandably, this continues to be our most well-supported and successful event - this year being no exception. With a staggering £1100.80 raised, we should be very proud of our achievement. A letter of thanks has been received from Macmillan Cancer Care and thank you all, once again for your hard work with this. We also remain very grateful for the support received from the Allen family at York Farm.

### Quiz Night – 13<sup>th</sup> November.

This event, which was intended to be our fundraising for the jubilee celebration next year, had to be cancelled due to lack of interest. As this was to have been the first fundraising event to be held by the Association for some time, the lack of response is disappointing.

### Remembrance Sunday – 15<sup>th</sup> November.

A small group gathered at the war memorial to pay their respects to those from the village who lost their lives in service during WWI & 2. A wreath was laid and a short prayer was said before a 2 minutes silence was observed.

### Village Welcome Pack.

As the previous welcome pack delivered to new residents in the village had long since been obsolete, the Association has had printed some greetings cards which will now be given along with a welcoming information letter. The cards will also be used as thank you cards, etc.

Thank you to June for her work as Association Treasurer and Secretary, and Rob, for maintaining and overseeing the hiring out of the marquees and other equipment. And thank you all for your continuing dedication.

The Village Association is very grateful to all those who willingly give their time to support and help us in our quest to maintain a feeling of togetherness and community in West Hagbourne.

Margaret Leishman,  
Chair – WHVA.  
Nov. 2021.