



Charlton Central Residents' Association

Annual General Meeting
7.30pm - 8.30pm, Wednesday 27 January 2021

Interim Chair Report

2020 is undoubtedly going to go down as one of the most challenging years we have ever faced as a community. It's been a period of great uncertainty, ill health, stress and anxiety. It's meant we've been separated from our families, friends and neighbours. It's also meant that as an Association, we've not been able to do many of the things we've always enjoyed doing together, be it meeting to sing, read, walk or to enjoy quiz nights or street parties.

It has however also been a time of great neighbourliness, as we have worked out new ways of staying in touch and supporting each other. We have continued to produce our very popular newsletter, *Grapevine*. Our amazing Knit and Natter Group has made adorable finger puppets for local children's charities. Our Great Front Garden Challenge recognised and celebrated the beauty of Charlton in midsummer. And throughout the year, you showed incredible generosity in giving supplies and raising funds for the Greenwich Foodbank, culminating in donating an amazing £500 after our Christmas carolling.

2021 begins with much uncertainty, and at this stage, it is unclear what kind of activities we will be able to offer you. But we do know that community spirit remains strong in Charlton, and that we will continue to support each other, as we look forward to better days.

I would like to thank the people and organisations that have supported our Association in 2020, in particular the Royal Borough of Greenwich, the Co-Op, The National Lottery, Conran Estate Agents, Truepenney's and individual members of CCRA. Thanks are also due to our Vice-Chair, Jane Bland, our Co-Treasurers, Bal Dhesi and Jas Dhesi and our Membership Secretary, Jacqui Mitchell. I would also like to thank the members of our Management Committee, in particular Chris Harrison and Joy Ogden, who are stepping down from the Committee with huge thanks for all that they have done for CCRA.

I would also like to thank the members who help us by editing *Grapevine* (Dave Picton, Joy Ogden, Linda Pound and Bob Smith), and manage our website (Chris Harrison), Facebook (Sarah Hornsey) and Twitter accounts (Duncan Alexander).

CCRA is your association and we depend on your support to help us carry on the activities we have been doing for the past twelve months. So please, renew your membership - and be entered into a draw to win a lovely hamper - let us know what you would like to see us doing in 2021. You can contact me at chair@charltonresidents.org or on 07875 054597.

With best wishes to you and yours,

Jonathan Sanders

Interim Chair, CCRA

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