# Minutes of the Ockbrook and Borrowash Annual Parish Meeting.

# Held virtually, on Wednesday 7th April 2021 at 19.00.

## Present.

Councillors M White (Chairman), T Holbrook (Vice Chairman), J White, D Webster, P Fisher, J Kennedy, R Locke, M Wallis and A-M Stevenson.

## Also, Present.

S Kitchener (Clerk and RFO), Councillors R Parkinson and W Major and 24 members of public.

## 01/21 Noted Apologies for Absence – No absences.

## 02/21 Declarations of Members Interests – None.

## 03/21 Dispensations – None.

## 04/21 Variation of Order of Business – None.

## 05/21 Report from the Chairman – See appendix 1.

06/21 Report from other Councillors – See appendix 2.

## 07/21 Reports from Outside Bodies – See appendix 3.

## 08/21 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

The next Annual Parish meeting is scheduled to take place May 2022, a specific date to be decided nearer to the time.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 19.15.

## **Appendix 1 -** REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN

### OCKBROOK AND BORROWASH PARISH COUNCIL, 2021 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, WEDNESDAY 7 APRIL 2021.

Good evening fellow Councillors and Parishioners’.

It goes without saying that the last 12 months have been hard for everyone and I am sure that normal life as we knew it at the start of 2020 may never be the same again, but we live in hope.

Since the last Annual Parish Meeting back in 2019 we have said goodbye to a number of Parish Councillors.

Julie Fraser-Burton, Steve Fraser-Burton, Jeff Owens, Sheila Owens and Teresa Kokiet.

Thank you all for your invaluable work as Councillors.

In the same period, we have welcomed three new Councillors, Penny Fisher, Richard Locke and most recent Ana-Maria Stevenson.

Sarah Kitchener, our Parish Clerk, continues to fulfil her role to an exceptionally high standard and recently completed her CiLCA course to become a fully qualified Parish Clerk, well done Sarah.

Despite the severe restrictions COVID-19 has imposed on all of us members of the Parish Council have continued to work in the background and for some, at their own expense.

A few examples are support for local hospitals and care homes, Easter eggs and entertainment for residents of Briar Close Care Home and shopping for residents who were confined to their own homes for shielding purposes.

We have also given financial support to the food bank.

Our investment in the Ashbrook Centre continues and it is now in regular use despite recent restrictions imposed by the Government to control the spread of COVID-19.

As these restrictions ease, hopefully we can look forward to fully reopening the Centre and as I write we are in discussion with local residents who want to restart the Youth Group.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions the Remembrance Sunday parade and war memorial commemorations did not take place.

Unfortunately, the same restrictions prevented our usual gathering for the switching on of Christmas lights in both villages, but these did go ahead and help spread a little cheer over the Christmas period.

Looking back over the last 12 months I think once again the most talked about topic has been the transformation of both villages since the appointment of Wayne Peapell, as our consultant horticulturist.

A significant investment by The Parish Council is now paying dividends where we find a completely different landscape to what we had a few years ago not only in open spaces but also Balmoral Road Cemetery.

Wayne has now published his ‘Green Vision’ for the Parish which we overwhelmingly support and work is now underway.

In addition to Wayne, we now employ Trevor as a ‘litter picker’ who you will no doubt see working in the Parish as we try to keep both villages litter free as much as we can.

Looking forward to 2022 it is the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee in June and plans are being made to have a big celebration in the Parish which the Parish Council will organise and sponsor.

The first meeting to discuss plans is taking place on 20th April 2021. Any interested parties are welcome to join us.

Please contact the Parish Clerk on 07860 702904 for more details regarding the initial ‘Zoom’ meeting.

Finally, can I thank every single Parish Councillor for your support and look forward to working with you all for the next 12 months.

Michael White

Chairman

Ockbrook and Borrowash Parish Council

07 April 2021

## **Appendix 2** -Reports from Other Councillors.

### 7th April 2021 - DCC Report (Cllr Robert A Parkinson).

Coronavirus (Covid-19)

Obviously, coronavirus/Covid-19 has dominated everything! Full updates on DCC services are on the Council’s website: [www.derbyshire.gov.uk](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk).

Council Tax and Budget 2020-2021

DCC has agreed a budget for the year ahead, with a Council Tax increase of 2.5% which is just half that permitted by central government.

The meeting of the Council on Wednesday 3rd February 2021 set a net budget for 2021-22 at £572.4m, revealing a robust financial position due to careful budgeting and sufficient additional funding from Government to support extra spending due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Although more government funding is expected by the end of the financial year and further into 2021, likely to total over £100m since the beginning of the pandemic, significant pressures will continue in some areas, particularly adults’ and children’s social care.

This year the Government has allowed local authorities with responsibility for adult social care, like Derbyshire, to raise Council Tax by a maximum of 5%, made up of an adult social care precept of 3% (which must be spent solely on adult social care) and 2% for general council expenditure.

At the meeting on 3rd February the Council agreed to the 2.5% increase, made up of 1% for adult social care (which will raise just over £3.4m) and 1.5% for general council expenditure, which will help to support other council areas under pressure, mainly children’s services. Here remains option of levying the remaining 2% adult social care precept in the financial year if required.

The council tax increase will mean, for a Band “D” household, an increase of £33.73 per year, or £2.81 per month or 65p per week.

COVID-19 – get the COVID facts not the COVID fiction.

Because there is much misleading information circulating about COVID-19, leading people to wonder what is true and what is not, DCC has worked in partnership with other health care organisations in the county to launch a campaign aimed at setting the record straight.

This new campaign ‘COVID-19. Get the Facts’ provides trusted, professionally sourced information about some of the main issues about which people may have questions.  This includes the COVID vaccinations, the importance of preventative measures such as wearing a face covering and social distancing, as well as information about a wide range of other COVID-related topics.

There is said to be an alarming rise in ‘fake news’ and disinformation being circulated.  People are receiving leaflets through their doors and being bombarded with misleading messaging and other misinformation via social media.  This could have very real impacts on the take up of the vaccination and its overall efficacy, so DCC is trying to ensure that people get the correct information.

Healthcare professionals from organisations, including Derbyshire Community Health Services and Derby and Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group, will also be providing short information films about some of the main questions people might have.

All the information used in the campaign has been quality checked and is drawn from reliable sources including Public Health England, Joined Up Care Derbyshire and the NHS, [**read up on all COVID-19 facts**](https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/community/community-champions/your-questions-answered/your-questions-answered.aspx).

Elvaston Castle

Plans have been announced for a £35 million restoration of Elvaston Castle Estate and Gardens. The whole site will remain a country park, free at the point of entry with more visitors to help contribute to the running costs.

A key element of the plan is to reduce traffic through local villages and improve visitor access to the site which attracts 240,000 visitors each year. To divert traffic away from local villages, a new entrance and access drive will be located closer to the A6 and take visitors more quickly into the heart of the estate.

Following a comprehensive public consultation and many months of work with the National Trust, Elvaston Castle and Garden Trust (ECGT) and DCC are putting the final touches to detailed plans which will reverse decades of underinvestment and secure the estate’s future.

Subject to planning permission, proposed developments under the masterplan will include:

* repair and renovation of historic buildings to bring them back into use – for example, as retail, office and workshop space or as holiday cottages and, where possible, reflecting their former uses.
* upgrading catering facilities including a new main café, which would be a key feature of the courtyard, and providing smaller catering facilities around the site.
* a new access drive closer to the A6, taking visitors to the heart of the estate.
* a new adventure playground close to the main café.
* offering camping and glamping on the estate’s former campsite with facilities for touring caravans, motorhomes and tents.
* an improved and varied events programme to attract a wider audience.
* converting the upper floor of the castle into suites which could be available to let out for weddings and other events.

Regeneration of the estate is expected to create more than 170 new, local jobs and increase the number of visitors from 240,000. There are no plans to build new residential housing on the estate.

The £35 million regeneration cost will come from a mix of public and private investment including bids to the National Lottery Heritage Fund, D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership and substantial investment from DCC. The long-term plan is to hand the day-to-day running of the estate to the charity, Elvaston Castle and Gardens Trust (ECGT).

This major investment will put Elvaston on a sustainable footing, relieving DCC of significant ongoing annual maintenance and running costs, resolving the major backlog of repairs and other work, and maintaining public access to the estate.

Find out more about what's planned from [Future Elvaston](https://www.futureelvaston.co.uk/)

Appreciation

Finally, but by no means least, I would like to extend my grateful thanks to the Clerk and Members of Ockbrook & Borrowash Parish Council for their continued help and support in my work as your County Councillor.

### DCC Report (Councillor W Major).

Firstly, I would like to put on record my thanks to the Parish council and the clerk for the work they do to support the local community and it has been a pleasure to join you in some of that work.

COVID-19

* Distributed £9.741 million from the Infection Control Fund to home care and care home providers.
* Made plans to temporarily open the ‘Florence Nightingale Home’ to help support Derbyshire residents discharged from hospital who need to rest, recuperate and isolate after suffering from COVID-19.
* Launched a drive to recruit more care workers to support the county’s most vulnerable residents during the COVID-19 pandemic.
* Undertook regular reviews of people with a learning disability or autism, or who need respite care and where appropriate, adjusted care packages.
* Provided emergency day service provision at Parkwood Centre, Alfreton, for those whom it has been identified as being appropriate to do so.
* Followed national guidance and support allowing family members to visit loved ones at the end of life.
* Put in place temporary arrangements to enable short visits to take place by family members in homes with no identified cases of COVID-19.
* Focused on supporting timely discharges from hospital through the Better Lives Programme and the creation of an enhanced reablement offer during the pandemic.
* Supported the allocation of Government grant funding of £336.03 per client per payment towards improved infection prevention and control procedures in care homes.

Council Tax

Set the lowest Council Tax increase of all county councils for 2020/21, the increase was 2.00% compared to a national average across all county councils of 3.87%.

Highways, Infrastructure and Investment

Highway’s maintenance continues to be a significant challenge. We inherited a budget this was not keeping up with the ongoing wear and tear therefore the backlog of work was just getting larger. This year we have invested £40m into highways maintenance and comparing this to £15m a year only a few years ago. I am confident we will begin to see the benefits of that investment this coming year and into the future. I am very aware of state of the local highways and acknowledge significant work needs to take place.

* Approved £40 million to be spent on improving roads and pavements across the county over the next 18 months. More than £3 million will be spent on vital maintenance work on bridges and retaining walls and £1 million will be spent on road safety schemes.
* Increased the fibre enabled broadband coverage across Derbyshire for homes and businesses.
* Put together a £40 million programme of highway improvements with 77.5% of road defects completed within target.
* Completed the development and started the implementation of The Derbyshire Infrastructure Investment Plan to support growth.
* Achieved 4th place out of the 29 County Councils (and 109 authorities) participating in the National Highways and Transportation Survey.
* Approved the use of an existing reserve to create a fund of £100,000 to support the Derbyshire Floods Business Hardship Fund and a further £10,000 to the Derbyshire Discretionary Fund to support those residents affected by the flooding following Storm Christoph.
* Published a consultation draft of a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan.
* Secured £443,000 to help get people moving on active (sustainable) travel.

Young People

* Offered careers advice and support, either over the phone or by video call, for people looking to find a new job or training.
* Extended the Raising Aspirations programme to help young people in need engage fully with their education across the county. Since 2015, the programme has reached in excess of 7,500 learners, with all Year 11 targeted participants moving onto positive Post-16 destinations in education, employment and training.
* Allocated an additional £245,000 to the Space4U project for its work in supporting children and young people in Derbyshire affected by someone else’s substance misuse.
* Offered a full range of countywide adult education courses and taster sessions, both on-line and in a COVID secure safe environment, for residents wanting to learn a new skill, gain a qualification or learn a new hobby.
* Recommended that Children’s services work in partnership with district and borough councils to identify an approach that would enable a care leaver to make an‘ expression of interest’ for a property in sufficient time to allow them to move in when they reach the age of 18.
* Provide £30 food vouchers over the Christmas period to families of children who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

Adult Care

* Approved the implementation of the Derbyshire Carers Strategy 2020-25.
* Commenced the implementation of the Older People’s Housing and Accommodation Strategy 2019-35 and collaboratively worked alongside partners and developed Local Plans to ensure that housing for an ageing population is reflected as a key issue.
* Developed, published and commenced implementation of the Joint Dementia Strategy 2020-25.
* Approved the refurbishment of three Homes for Older People including; Briar Close, Borrowash; New Bassett House, Shirebrook and Rowthorne in Swanwick. The total estimated costs are £13.150 million.
* Helped, during 2019/20, 284 people through the Disability Employment Service achieve their work goals.
* Continued, through the Derbyshire 50+ Forum Network, to assist older people to help themselves, share information, take action on issues important to them and to connect and socialise. During 2019/20, 56 Open Forum events were supported which were attended by over 2,000 residents.
* Maintained the Council’s high performance in reducing delayed transfers of care from hospital and continued to progress The Better Lives Programme, supporting timely discharges and ensuring older people are fully supported to return home.

Just some of the local grants paid out.

* Erewash Voluntary Action CVS to support its core activities in developing local voluntary and community groups and strengthening the capacity of the sector as a whole within the county £58,596
* Shopping service for older people and vulnerable adults £31,711
* Contribution towards befriending service £3,000
* Age UK - Erewash Careline Service £4,500
* Eventide Luncheon Club to support the cost of providing luncheon club facilities for older people living in the area £10,000
* Stanley Common Eventide Community Hall for the provision of a range of activities for vulnerable people living in the Stanley Common and surrounding area, in particular the employment of a Community Development Worker £10,000Borrowbrook Home Link - Offers support to older adults living in the Borrowash / Ockbrook and surrounding area. Including the provision of advice and info., regular home visiting service for housebound older people, monthly community lunch club, drop in coffee mornings, a monthly Friendship / Befriending Club for older people and outings £2,800
* Ilkeston and District CVS contribution towards Centre Manager salary Flamsteed £5,022
* Ilkeston and District CVS funding to support the provision of day care £15,346

Public Health

* Completed, during 2019/20, 20,139 Health Checks, 1,347 people were identified as being at increased risk of heart and circulatory problems and received appropriate support, treatment and advice.
* Supported 4,902 people who have used the Live Life Better Derbyshire MOT Tool to identify how they can improve their health and wellbeing, 1,157 people have been helped to stop smoking and 718 people were supported to increase their levels of physical activity during 2019/20.
* Approved funding totalling £312,000 to help residents be more active and increase physical activity levels across Derbyshire.
* Continued to support residents through weight management programmes, over the last two years over 80% of participants lost weight.
* Approved funding of £43,000 to district and borough councils to continue to deliver existing physical activity programmes until August 2020.
* Approved funding of £633,000 to district and borough councils to continue the delivery of Exercise by Referral and Walk Derbyshire.
* Approved funding of £79,000 to SHIFT to continue to deliver Jog Derbyshire.
* Supported 44,056 people who attended the Sexual Health Service, the Sexual Health Promotion Team engaged with 9,822 individuals, the Your Sexual Health Matters website had 296,323 unique page views and 9,208 sexually transmitted infection tests were carried out during 2019/20.
* Awarded a grant of £524,000 to help increase the support for domestic abuse victims.
* Supported, during 2019/20, over 1,300 victims of domestic abuse with an estimated 10,000 calls taken by the countywide Domestic Abuse Support Line.

## **Appendix 3 –** Reports from Outside Bodies.

### Elmcross Allotment Holders’ Association - Annual Parish Report 2021

When coronavirus struck this time last year, few of us would have believed that a whole twelve months later, we would have held no meetings, AGM, Annual Show or barbecue. Many of our members have neither the taste nor capacity for Zoom, being used to dealing in practicalities, and besides, one’s own living space, now having become house arrest after months of lockdowns, bears no relationship to the conviviality of the tap room at the Oak on a Tuesday meeting night. But, like having resown a row of parsnips, we live in hope that small shoots of recovery will soon appear leading to healthy growth and a return to something approaching normality.

Allotment gardening during the pandemic has become a saviour for many, providing a safe space to exercise, a boost to mental health and company with conversation amongst friends, all socially distanced. Never before have kindness, cooperation and offers of help between gardeners been so forthcoming, especially when physical or health difficulties have beset some with problems or inability to tend a plot, perhaps because so many of us, whether retired or furloughed, spent so much of last year’s glorious spring and early summer on our allotments.

2020 will be remembered as a ‘mast’ year, not just for its abundant quantity of blossom set against the clear blue Spring skies or masses of acorns which carpeted the ground in Autumn, but for the wonderful quality and quantity of the harvest. If mankind had given Mother Nature a break by slowing down our activities and pumping fewer pollutants into the atmosphere, she rewarded us well with bumper crops of fruit and vegetables for all the extra effort put into our plots.

Unusual circumstances create their own problems however, and a visible presence of rats in the village centre and on Elm Street caused consternation amongst residents. The Parish Council arranged for an Environmental Health representative from the Borough to tour the Elm Street site, looking for areas where rats might be harbouring. This was time well spent and certainly for gardeners an education in the lifestyle and habits of rats, concluding that, although likely that food grown on allotment sites will draw the creatures when usual sources have disappeared, Elm Street allotments were unlikely to be providing them with incentivised free board and lodging. The source of the rats was found to be a broken drain in a neighbouring property.

Being close to the heart of the village, we on Elm Street are used to the general detritus of litter which becomes trapped under the boundary hedge, but there has been an increase this year in the amount of empty beer bottles and cans thrown over onto plots, while both sites, like everywhere else, have experienced large amounts of dog mess on grass paths, despite Shacklecross being a secure site and dogs being banned from allotment sites under covid restrictions.

As an association we were this year deprived of many community events that link us with other groups. We had particularly been looking forward to Borrowash in Bloom’s planned Open Gardens project last summer and welcoming the general public to our sites, since so many residents are not even aware that allotment gardens exist in an area they think they already know. There was no Erewash in Bloom competition to enter, suspending the friendly rivalry that exists between our sister sites, and it is disappointing to know that although the competition will resume this year, the format will only allow online entrants when public spaces, private gardens and allotment sites can safely be judged in person.

However, we were able to go ahead with the Elijah Highton Trophy for the best kept allotment, inviting two officers from the church allotments to judge the best kept Elmcross plot. We hope that the winners will be able to enjoy a proper presentation, albeit a year late, if things return to ‘normal’ by Autumn and we can hold our AGM. Even if the cup is swiftly removed from their grasp once photos are taken, to be handed over to the next winner, they should still have their moment of glory, because an immense amount of hard work goes into a plot especially when overall standards were so high last year.

Aside from the hard graft of allotment gardening, there are many site maintenance tasks which allotment holders take on voluntarily, including mowing of communal paths, cutting of internal boundary hedges, strimming and mowing vacant or neglected plots and lock and gate maintenance. On Elm Street we build up and maintain the main track, filling troughs, depressions and holes with stones, and are clearing the area beyond the car park of fly-tipped waste and cut brambles in an effort to create a green, communal space for community events with fruit trees and wild flowers to attract more pollinators.

We were pleased that the Parish Council’s contractor cut down the area of bramble behind the car park after many months’ wait, although the long-standing dumped, heavy hard core remains. Thanks to an excellent job carried out by Wayne Peapell, Shacklecross gardeners are relieved that the internal hedge has at long last been cut, allowing much needed light to fall on those plots close to the Draycott Road gate so once again, ‘sweetness and light’ prevails on site.

However, both Elmcross officers and tenants are dismayed by the lack of consultation over the illegal installation of lighting columns by the Ladysmith gate, these frustrations being added to by repeated slurs of ’fly-tippers’ being directed at Elm Street gardeners whenever the subject of waste removal after years of neglect is aired. We are a responsible group of people who try to ensure that parish assets are protected for the good of the environment and may be enjoyed by local people for many years to come.

We continue to offer spare produce and plants to the community, placing items outside the Elm Street gate for collection – nothing much lingers for long in the box!

At the end of 2020, we bade fond farewells to long-standing gardeners who will be much missed by friends and neighbours on our two sites. Understandably though, given current circumstances and with allotments never having been so popular, demand is high. Elmcross welcomes new gardeners and again, full tenancy (thanks to the efficiency of the Parish Clerk) to our ever-growing community. We hope they find their roots and enjoy their own little piece of heaven amongst our hardy perennials.

Julie Smith, Secretary

Peter Ball, Chair

Elmcross Allotment Holders’ Association, March 2021

### REPORT FOR AGM OF ASHBROOK CENTRE APRIL 2020 - BY OCKBROOK AND BORROWASH WI

Jackie Flint and Pauline Atkin, on behalf of Ockbrook and Borrowash WI, made a successful bid for funding with Derbyshire County Council in August 2019 to start up Chair Yoga classes for our members and the community on a weekly basis, using a qualified yoga instructor.

We were delighted as our research had shown that opportunity for exercise in the village was limited and to the best of our knowledge there were no Chair Yoga classes available at that time. Statistics from 2017 stated that 25% of Borrowash residents were over 65 and we felt there was a big opportunity to not only try to help older people in Borrowash to become more fit, but also to reach out to younger, disabled, people with mental health issues and isolated people in the village. We planned to offer social time for people to chat and get to know each other over a cup of tea and biscuits after the session was over, as issues surrounding people’s wellbeing were also key to our application.

There was a time limit for this funding to be used and so it was important that we found premises as quickly as possible. This proved to be very difficult as suitable halls in Borrowash at that time were few and far between.

For 18 months prior to this bid, we had been contacting Councillor Mike Wallis with regard to the WI moving to the Ashbrook Centre for their monthly meetings but we met with little success as the centre was undergoing repairs. We decided to try again to see if we could hold Chair Yoga sessions and monthly WI meetings at the Ashbrook Centre and contacted Steve Fraser Burton, to whom we are indebted for his co-operation, support and enthusiasm in getting the hall ready for us to start up Chair Yoga classes on 4th February 2020 with WI monthly meetings due to commence in March 2020.

We advertised the yoga classes in the village, through flyers, we contacted the Park Medical Practice in Borrowash, the Library and various retail premises and our first class started on 4th February and we were so pleased when in excess of 20 members turned up. We successfully ran classes with constant numbers until the coronavirus lockdown forced us to close down in March 2020.

We re-opened on 1st September 2020, with the help of Steve Fraser-Burton, in putting together a Covid Risk Assessment for our members to be able to use the Ashbrook Centre safely due to the Corona Virus Pandemic but again lockdown forced us to close down in November. Since November we have been successfully running Zoom classes for Chair Yoga with the Chair Yoga instructor, Fiona Adamson.

We are confident that once the coronavirus restrictions are lifted we will again be able to contact all those initial members of our group to re-join us in our aim to play a part in offering an opportunity to provide Chair Yoga to the local community on a weekly basis, bringing the benefit of regular exercise and social time to everyone in the safe and comfortable environment offered at the Ashbrook Centre. We would be grateful if you could reserve 2 - 4.00 pm every Tuesday afternoon for us as soon as we are legally allowed to run classes.

We would also request that the third Monday evening in each month be reserved for our WI monthly meetings, commencing 21st June 2020, provided that we are legally allowed to meet.

We would like to thank Sarah, Parish Clerk for all her assistance and co-operation during these very difficult times. Thanks also to Richard Locke for his help in getting the centre up and running to enable us to start our classes and to the Caretaker for helping us to open up the gate and main door on several occasions.

Would it be possible for someone to have a look at the locks on both these access points as they prove very difficult to open?

### 147th DERBY (3RD Ockbrook & Borrowash) Scout Group

Our Headquarters is at 67A Kimberley Road by the Deans Drive playing fields.

We have 4 sections :-

* Beavers (6 – 8 years old) meet on Friday 5:30-6:30
* Cubs (8 - 10.5 years old) meet on Monday (Dove Pack),

Wednesday (Wye Pack) 6:45 - 8:15

* Scouts (10.5 – 14 years old) meet on Tuesday 7:00 – 8:45
* Explorers (14 – 18 years old) meet on Friday 7:00 – 9:00

Due to the pandemic most of our meetings have been by “Zoom” as we are unable to meet face to face.

Unfortunately, we have not been able to go to camp during the year or carry out any fundraising.

We are hoping to return to the HQ after Easter, subject to guidance.

We have a healthy waiting list of young people ready to join us.

We would like more adult involvement so would welcome volunteers.

Further information can be obtained from our [Website](http://www.147scouts.co.uk).

### Report from Ockbrook and Borrowash Heritage Society, Spring 2021

Due to lockdown restrictions, our research group has not been able to meet this year, but we plan to resume work on our project *Ockbrook 1840* as soon as conditions allow. More than half the research has been done, and we are confident that the picture, to be the twin of our *Borrowash 1840* picture, will eventually happen. We are still short of money for this project, having received only 50% of what we were expecting.

The Society continues to receive offers of old photos etc, most recently from the estate of the late Mrs Marshall née Rodgers who lived in Borrowash as a girl but then moved to Birmingham. These will increase our collection, but also add to our storage problem.

This year we were able to offer the village the story of Jacob Planta, the Ockbrook doctor who in 1781 was successfully using vaccination some 15 years before Edward Jenner did his more famous experiments.

Margaret Barker

Chair OBHS.

### BORROWBROOK HOME LINK- ANNUAL REPORT TO OCKBROOK AND BORROWASH PARISH COUNCIL, February 2021

Even with the continued Covid pandemic and the changes we have had to make in response to the outbreak and lockdowns, it has been a positive year for our small charity.

We continue to support the older adults of our parish in living independently in their own homes by providing helpful information from our office, located in the heart of the Borrowash. We have added new services and improved the old. Our bright and cheerful magazine is full of interesting articles and advice. The telephone befriending service has been a lifeline to those in need of friendship.

At Christmas 2020 we linked with the Ockbrook & Borrowash Foodbank and the OBNN (Ockbrook and Borrowash Neighbourhood Network community group) to provide over 200 Christmas goody bags for the seniors in our community. All the schools in the two villages joined in by decorating the bags, creating labels or making Christmas cards. The local support from both local businesses and families donating funds or goods was overwhelming. And the impact it had on those receiving the gift bags was amazing. It really improved their sense of well-being and reconnected them with the community.

We hope to join with other local community groups with similar projects in the future. In this way we can help our members stay linked in with their community. As well, as continue our established services.

We are also very fortunate to receive continued donations and support from individuals, churches, groups, pubs, shops, clubs and organisations from around the parish which keeps our charity ticking over. Both our Parish Council and the Derbyshire County Council continue to provide vital grants towards the running costs of Borrowbrook Home Link. These grants are not only significant in keeping our charity running but they also act as a signal to other funding sources that we are a worthwhile organisation which can be trusted to spend money wisely.

Although financial constraints obviously have some effect on how we run the charity we are committed to ensure that we do everything we can to keep Borrowbrook going for both the older adults that are able to attend our activities – and those who are unable to attend due to ill health but gain great comfort out of just reading our Magazine and feeling that they are still recognised as an essential part of the community.

Our staff, trustees and loyal team of volunteers stay committed to reducing loneliness and improving residents’ wellbeing.

Rachel Page, Project Coordinator

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### OCKBROOK REDHILL W.I. - 49th ANNUAL REPORT, MAY 2020

This is the 49th Annual Report of Ockbrook Redhill W.I.

The Institute currently has a membership of 43, one of which has dual membership, with an average attendance of 27.

The Committee Members for the year were as follows: -

President Denise Archer

Secretary and Boards Angela Withey

Treasurer, Redhill News, Craft Evening Co-Ordinater Pauline Cassere

Posters & MCS

Vice President, Asst. Secretary, Committee Secretary, Phil Bostock

Sick Visitor & Competition Table.

Vice President Asst. Treasurer & Outings Secretary Margaret Scott

Press Officer and Facebook Page Admin. Sue Maclaine

Special Events Refreshments & New Member Hostess Ann Ramsden

Programme Secretary, Speaker Hostess, Raffle & Prizes Helen Rigley

Co-Ordinater and Sick Visitor

County Link and Door Register Ann Phillips

Produce Evening Co-Ordinater, WI Members Contact Janet Pinchbeck

Details Editor and 50/50 Club

County Show Liaison Wenda Web

Birthday Flowers and Special Occasions Tessa Brooks

Refreshments for Meetings & Asst. Special Events Mary Smith

Refreshments

Margaret Scott and Wenda Webb continue to be on the DFWI Show Committee; Margaret is also on the DFWI Board of Trustees.

**Programme**

Our Programme, organized by Helen Rigley, has again covered a wide range of topics. The year started with Jamie Brooks Illusion Cake Decorator who created an amazing “Pie, chips and mushy peas” cake for us. We have had talks on everything from Polar Bears to the Country of Yemen. Local charities that have spoken to us have been Derbyshire Sight Support and Derby Mountain Rescue, not forgetting our very own Anita Juliana Consultant Gynecologist at Nottingham University Hospital.

**50/50 Club**

The 50/50 Club has again been well supported by members and this year realized a profit of £181.50

**Competition**

The winner this year is Anne Bailey. All the money raised from the competition go to ACWW Pennies for Friendship.

**Press Officer**

This year Sue Maclaine has continued to promote our WI through reports in Inside 72 and our Facebook page. She has also set up our WhatsApp group to help members keep in touch during the current lockdown period which has proved to be extremely popular.

**Birthday Flowers**

Tessa Brooks has made lovely posies to give to members for their birthdays. Special presentations this year have included Anne Bailey for 80th Birthday and to Josephine Moor when she retired from committee for her years of service.

**Produce**

Janet Pinchbeck continues to run our Produce Group with the help of Steph Clubb. We have had demonstrations of Meringues, Christmas Cookies and Gnudi

**Craft**

Pauline has continued as our Craft Leader and we have made Pergamono Bookmarks, cards, and festive floral decorations.

**Trips**

Margaret Scott continues to be our Outings Secretary. Members have enjoyed visits to Bluebells Diary and the Potteries factory shops for some early Christmas shopping.

**Carol Service**

The Carol Service was once again organized by Pat Wilson. A lovely evening that put everyone in the festive spirit. The collection raised £66 for our nominated charity ‘Derby Mountain Rescue.

**Social and Fundraising Events**

* Whist Drive - £37.70 raised.
* ACWW Walk the World- Just 5 members, 2 non-members and 5 dogs took part raising £34.00.
* Beetle Drive - £158.80 raised.
* Cheese and Wine Evening - This was a special fundraising event for Scropton Hall Riding and Carriage Driving Centre. The sum donated was £315 a fantastic amount from one evening.
* Craft & Produce Show - This was our 26th Show raising £199.39 with a total of 158 entries.
* Learn to Play Whist - This was a fun evening for those members who wanted to learn to play or improve their game.
* Christmas Party - We were treated to an amazing buffet, the food all supplied by members. Janet Pinchbeck made and iced the cake, Ann Ramsden made the punch, Ann Phillips and Tessa Brooks made the table decorations. We played the left and right game; it wouldn’t be Christmas without this, finishing the evening with carols.
* Christmas Dinner was held at the Royal Oak with 25 members attending.

**Group Matters**

October Hopwell Group Fish and Chip Supper with line dancing and quizzes.

We were the hosts the Group Meeting in May. Everyone enjoyed Jean Gemmel and her entertainers.

Council Meetings in October at The Riverside Centre, Pride Park. We donate 2 boxes of toiletries, books, and craft items to the Derbyshire Young Carers appeal.

**Bursary**

There were two bursaries available this year. A bursary of £250 has been awarded to Steph Clubb to be used towards the cost of an educational course. When Steph can attend a course, she will report back to the members and possible demonstrate the new skill she has learnt. The other bursary was applied for on behalf of the members to be used in a similar way as last time when we all attended a 1 day course at Denman.

Another year seems to have just flown by, when we have had to face the challenges of Covid 19 which has shortened our diary of events and challenged us to find new ways to keep in touch with members be it email, WhatsApp or the telephone. Sadly, this year Shirley Churchman, Eileen Crooks and Winifred Jackson have felt unable to continue their membership through ill health. I know they will be missed at our meetings, but they are still being kept up to date with all our news through regular contact with members. Thanks, must go to our Committee, for their hard work to make this a W.I. that runs smoothly, and has an interesting program of events and activities, also to those non-committee members who take on various responsibilities. Finally, thanks to you our members, who support our activities throughout the year.

### The Ockash Trust – the past 12 months.

I know we won’t be the first to say that it’s been a year like no other! It’s actually our 21st year of existence, in that time having raised and given out over £25,000 to benefit young people under 18 in the Parish. This past year, we had to become dormant event wise, but we still gave out grants to the WOW Youth group, and Ashbrook Infants and more recently Karl Moore to expand his IT recycling activities giving IT kit to children without access in the Parish. We also gave out a number of Rewards, recognising youngsters who have been litter picking, doing sponsored runs and cycle rides, quite selflessly in our Parish. We’re pleased to say that our events will begin again, with our anniversary Bargain Trail on June 6th. We hope to see you there!

Huw Morgan - Chair

### Borrowash Coop

This past year has seen Borrowash Coop step up a gear in its community support role. Led by Chloe Mossop, Store Manager, its 40 strong team have seen store footfall increase greatly due to local people shopping locally due to COVID. It’s put a lot of strain on the instore logistics, with staff being off with COVID related illness etc, and in the summer, the store had a total refit whilst staying open! Last March, as soon as lockdown was imposed, Chloe decided to offer every Thursday, free home deliveries and shelf picking to vulnerable and isolated customers. This has risen in number to some 50 orders weekly. A group of instore volunteers helped with shelf picking and processing these orders. Whilst the DCC library was closed, Coop charity bookcases were created where customers can pick a book and donate to Mencap. Instore battery recycling is now easy, and our community boards have a weekly Kids joke corner, plus information on how our 3 Local Community Funds are doing that benefit from customer purchases. We were very happy to support Pride month in June and will do so this year too. Fairtrade fortnight was a success as was the annual Xmas lights switch on. Ashbrook school continue to fill our windows with beautiful seasonal window art displays. I’m the new store Member Pioneer, acting as a bridge between the community and the store. I’m also responsible for Spondon store at Sitwell Street. Hopefully with a more ‘normal’ year evolving, Chloe and I have plans for various events to benefit the community moving forward. It’s what we do!

Huw Morgan – Member Pioneer

### Borrowash in Bloom - Plans for 2021

Committee still active, all be it not on the ground, meeting regularly via Skype. The team are conscious of trying to ensure they show a good example by following the COVID medical advice.

After a difficult summer, our plant delivery never arrived, so it was a bit of a make do and get on, the winter planting was completed and is just about hanging on but ready for a change.

The plans for 2021 were agreed in January, with the plants this summer ordered via Blakefields Nurseries, the colour scheme being of red, oranges and yellows. The planting will be made up of over 1000 plants of 10 varieties, to cover all planters and beds. We have not gone too varied, as we do not know how the COVID restrictions could affect the arrangements or planning. The poly tunnel on the allotment is in use, with us winter storing plants for use in 2021. First weekend in June is the target day for planting up.

April 10th is the next meet and greet for a village centre tidy up at 10am. We do have several teams who regularly do litter picks and it is part of our core activity.

Unfortunately, last year and this, we have not managed to engage with the school, but we’ll try again next year with the successful design a planter competition.

All planters around the COOP and at the top Victoria avenue (23) have been re-sponsored again, by the same people, which is great news, and all are local people. There are also two new additions to be added, as new requests have just come in. The planning consents are already in place for these.

The application is close to agreement via Highway’s agency to site the hanging basket tree at Shacklecross corner, this was funded jointly by B in B and an Erewash grant. We have also purchased via fund raisers and from the OBPCC, three village entrance barrels, plus an entrance trough. A thank you to the OBPCC for the donations. These will be sited in April at Victoria Avenue, Nottingham road, Draycott road and the trough at Station road entrances, a barrel would not fit here.

Sadly, last year’s Open Gardens could not happen, but it did give us an indication of the potential with 18 gardens showing interest, does not sound a lot, but it’s a start, and a plan that when the time is right, we could roll out the plan and explore again. Also, we were keen to encourage the council to join and other community projects (owners willing) to take station at a house to show what their project is all about, projects working together!

Tree planting is a new topic, whilst we respect the work done by Cpt Tom, we wanted to thank the key workers in the Parish by planting trees for them, it’s a plan that is being formed.

Ock Ash trail – We will have a Christmas stall, to sell the remainder of the home-made Christmas trinkets, with all proceeds to B in B.

Bulb planting – bring a bulb was successful in 2019, 2021 will be tried again in the Autumn, as there are bare areas around the village where we have permission to plant.

There is a plan for the jubilee next year, under wraps at the moment regarding some new street furniture – funding appreciated!

We started conversation with EMH homes last year about creating some “spaces” at the OAP bungalows in Hawthorn avenue, a project that could be re-started once COVID clear.

We are still staying local to the centre, because we want people to be encouraged to take control of their local areas, we can support and advise, but haven’t the capacity to do everyone’s local “space”.

We look to maybe link in with Wayne further, and to cover other areas to promote the “locals” at different locations to take control of their locality.

Once Covid free we hope to return to the regular monthly meets at the Nags Head.

### Over 60’s Group

Unfortunately, due to COVID 19 we have been unable to meet as a group this year, although each member did manage to receive a £10.00 Asda voucher as a Christmas gift. As well as that our group were able to donate the clubs Christmas and Easter money to the Derby Royal Hospital and Bria Close Nursing Home.

### ASHBROOK YOUTH GROUP REPORT FOR PARISH MEETING 07/04/2021.

Many Councillors & residents of the parish will recall a popular & well regarded youth group was run from the Ashbrook Centre until it's closure, due to the state of the building, in 2018.

In the knowledge the building was coming back into use & information that the previous organisers were unable for health reasons to resurrect the group, a social media appeal for volunteers resulted in the formation of a small group to take forward a plan to restart this much needed community provision.

I'm pleased to report that, with the support of the retiring organising committee & following negotiation with the Parish Council & the Ashbrook Trustees, it has been possible to reach a financial support proposal that is acceptable to all parties. That proposal has yet to be signed off by both the Parish Council & the Ashbrook Youth Group organising committee, however it is not envisaged any problems will arise in that respect.

Subject to confirmation of the Parish Council financial support & election of new AYG organising committee officers, the intention is to restart the group from late June 2021 on Monday evenings from the refurbished Ashbrook Centre. Two sessions would run for the benefit of young people falling into school year groups 6 to 11. Two experienced youth leaders will take responsibility for delivery of the sessions with support of volunteers. The organising committee will take responsibility for all financial matters, record keeping & organisational decision making.

All involved hope that this plan will mark the restarting of this valuable community provision; it takes a village to raise a child, as they say.

Christine Millward

Proposed AYG Committee member/volunteer