



The Newsletter of Whitton Network

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A Christmas message from our Chairman

Firstly, a **MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL** from all of us at the Whitton Network. We are so grateful to have made it through another difficult year and my thanks go to all of the volunteer drivers, shoppers and befrienders who have continued to support us this year.

To all of our clients I also want to thank all of those who have continued to be so generous with their donations to the Network which allowed us to continue our work over this past year.



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RICHMOND UPON THAMES

We also couldn't do what we do without the funding from the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames and Hampton Fund. My thanks particularly go to all of the families that donated in memory of their loved ones this year. All of this means that we can go into 2022 with plans for more outings and even greater engagement with our clients.



We wish you all a healthy and prosperous 2022.

- Hugh Patterson, Chairman

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR OFFICE CLOSURE

The office will close at 12 noon on Wednesday 22nd December and re-open on Tuesday 4th January at 9.30am. If you need any essential help or transport during this period, it may be possible to arrange this, but please contact us as soon as possible to let us know on the office number: 0208 755 1336.

VOLUNTEER NEWS

We welcomed three new volunteers to the Network this year with David, Richard and Kevin joining us. We also have two new drivers in the process of being signed up and will make sure we give them a warm welcome to the Network.

OUTINGS 2022

We will be planning for a series of outings during 2022, if you aren't sure if you have already confirmed your interest in attending outings, please contact the office and we will add you to the list.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING UPDATE

The Annual General Meeting of Whitton Network was held on Monday, 7th June this year, and due to the impact of Coronavirus it was again held online. The election of the Committee of Trustees was:

Chairman: Hugh Patterson

Secretary: David Willis

Treasurer: Christopher Bligh

Committee members: Greg Addington, Frances Grant, Val Irvin, Mike Kerlake, Jenny Lowe, Linda McHugh and Sheila Wookey

The Chairman's Report, 2020 Minutes, and Annual accounts were all approved by those who attended or voted by email or post. Hugh noted his thanks to Sheila for her time as secretary, and welcomed our two new committee members Greg and Linda. He also thanked Dereck Clark for acting as our accounts examiner this year.

TEA PARTIES THIS YEAR

We were delighted to be able to host two tea parties this year, one a small Covid compliant affair on 8th July at which we welcomed 23 clients, and another on 24th September which 28 clients attended. We also had a visit from the Deputy Mayor of Richmond, Councillor Suzette Nicholson, who told us that she thoroughly enjoyed meeting everyone at the party and hearing how the year had gone.



TELL US WHAT YOU THINK OF OUR SERVICES

We have enclosed a short survey with this newsletter and we'd be very grateful if you could complete and return it to the office. We want to keep track of how we are doing and what impact we are having on the lives of our clients, so we would appreciate you filling it in!