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The Newsletter of Whitton Network

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MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

Firstly, I hope that you have all had a good summer, with the extended hot weather, and that all of our clients and volunteers have managed to enjoy it, despite the unprecedented 40° temperatures.

We have had a good half year here at the Whitton Network with lots of you taking up transport and outings that we have offered and it has been good to be able to get out and about a bit more. We have run two outings so far, one to Notcutts Garden Centre and the other to Littlehampton for the day. As ever, we owe our thanks to Hampton Fund, The London Borough of Richmond upon Thames and AGE UK who administer our grant, for their ongoing financial support and thanks also for all of the generous donations from our clients. The Rotary Club have gifted us a new wheelchair and two walkers which are very much appreciated. Wishing you all well.

Hugh Patterson, Chairman



ST GEORGE'S DAY

We hosted a stall at the St George's Day parade on Whitton High Street and raised £200 for the charity. Thanks to all of those who helped out by growing and donating plants, working on the stall and those who came along to buy and say "Hello!"



BLUE BADGE APPLICATIONS

We would strongly encourage all our clients with disabilities to apply for a blue badge as it makes it much easier for our drivers to drop you as close as possible to your destination and for them to park, especially at hospitals. The Borough's blue badge team can be contacted on 020 8831 6312 and can advise on eligibility and send you a hard copy form, or you can apply online at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-blue-badge>. It costs £10.00 and lasts three years.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING UPDATE

The Annual General Meeting of Whitton Network was held on Monday 23rd May. The election of the Committee of Trustees was: Chairman: Hugh Patterson, Treasurer: Richard Hurdle, Secretary: David Willis, Trustees: Greg Addington, Valerie Irvin, Mike Kerlake, Linda McHugh and Rosa Sworn.

The Chairman's Report, 2021 Minutes, and Annual accounts were all approved by those who attended. Hugh noted his thanks to Frances Grant, Jenny Lowe and Sheila Wookey, who decided not to stand as Trustees again, for their support of Whitton Network. He also made special mention of Chris Bligh who after 15 years' service as our Treasurer had stood down, but was pleased to note that all of them would be remaining as volunteer helpers.

He also thanked the families of Mrs Ellis, Mr Callender, Mrs Clarke, and Mrs Shah who last year gave donations to us in their memories which totalled £1,800, and the Army and Navy who also donated £2,500.

THE YEAR SO FAR IN PHOTOS....

Clients receiving Christmas gifts donated by Gumley House School and The Equippers Church



Above and below left: lunch at Notcutts Garden Centre, Staines



Hugh Patterson, Chairman and Ana Cavilla, Co-ordinator, accepting a £2,500 donation from the RFU at Twickenham



Treasurer Richard Hurdle with the brand new wheelchair from Rotary Club