



Chairman's Report

I would like to thank the current committee for their hard work and support over the last 12 months. It has been a challenging year for everyone with the dreadful Covid-19 virus. It was no surprise that the RHS cancelled all of their competitions and restricted access to most of their gardens.

The main highlight of the year was to have received the Queens Award for Voluntary Service, an MBE for the group in the Queen's Birthday Honours, just reward for our exceptional contribution to the local community. The presentation for this will be held in May next year.

During lockdown we took the opportunity to prepare for our return to group safe working and were delighted to return as soon as we could to keep the plants and displays looking good throughout the season. I must thank everyone in our group, our sponsors and supporters for their enthusiasm and encouragement throughout the last few months and I am confident that we will come through this together even stronger. The social distancing requirements did not allow us to plant our many hanging baskets which was disappointing but the other displays have contributed to the town looking good albeit with less planting and reduced maintenance.

Communication is important to ensure that everyone is kept informed and to share and promote our ideas. Over the last year I have continued to send updates, contributed articles in the local media and posted a monthly report on our website.

The lack of judging this year has given us the opportunity to refurbish and replace some of our display hardware such as the Devonshire hay cart and Embankment planters ready for Spring. Additionally, much work has been done to organise our display material for next year as well as procuring and planting for the Winter and Spring.

The finances look healthy for the group and we look forward to returning to working towards another golden year in 2021!

Graham Price
Chairman, Kingsbridge in Bloom