

KEW TERRACE ASSOCIATION

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: YEAR 1 OCTOBER 2020 to 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

This year I had the combined role of Chairman and Treasurer. I have very little to report as Chairman other than to record it was another quiet year as a result of the ongoing lockdown and then restrictions due to Coronavirus.

Kew Terrace residents form a strong community and that has carried on regardless with plenty of examples of helping neighbours and community involvement during these challenging times.

Sadly we record the death in October 2020 of Joe Macdonald, who had lived in Kew Terrace since 1972. Joe and his wife Aileen and indeed the whole family have contributed (and keep contributing) hugely to Terrace life.

Several properties in the Terrace changed hands in the last year so we said farewell to some old friends and welcomed some new neighbours. There was no Garden Party for the second year running and little chance for social events but we hope to rectify that in the current year. That will let our new friends enjoy the full benefits of being part of the Kew Terrace community. I am delighted that some have already expressed willingness to get involved.

Activities this year were limited to keeping the Terrace, the Lane, the end gardens and the Front Garden between the Terrace and Great Western Road in good order and for the enjoyment of all.

Particular thanks to Griff Mann for cutting the grass in the end gardens, David Jeffrey for keeping the lane as free of rubbish as possible, Kenny Miller for doing the autumn lane clean up and taking away our green waste from time to time, Sam Macdonald (grandson of Joe and Aileen) for more ambitious work pruning trees and keeping the hedges neat, Ryan Langlands for helping Sam and doing the weeding and, of course, George Browning for keeping the end gardens and the front garden so beautiful and looking so colourful throughout the year and for masterminding and co-ordinating most of the good work in the Kew Terrace neighbourhood.

One aspect of Terrace life which has developed despite all the restrictions over the last 18 months is our Kew Terrace website (www.kewterrace.co.uk) which is maintained by Tom Maver (No 8) and his daughter Justine Maver.

As well as regularly updating NEWS, INFO and CONTACTS, etc, a new 'downloadable' document on the architectural history of our Terrace (by Brian Logan) has been added to OUR TERRACE. It is planned to add Brian's account of the architect Rothead to the website soon.

The website is a valuable source of information and Tom and Justine are always delighted to receive feedback, contributions, materials and suggestions for it. There is a feedback page on the website and messages can also be sent to me to pass onto Tom and Justine.

The general road, lane and pavement cleaning and emptying of the public bins has been a bit erratic and while we have tried to manage that and have dialogues with the Council, this has been with limited success. The Board will renew efforts to improve this in the year ahead.

We have still not manage to engage a satisfactory masonry estimate for the repair of the East and West Garden stone walls and are renewing efforts once again.

M Morag Inglis, Chairman, Kew Terrace Association