

## **Chairman's report AGM 2020**

This is my second AGM as Chairman and I want to remind you again what a wonderful resource Liquorice Park is for our community. Whether we love its natural habitat, its wildness, its meandering paths or its community events, all of us here are joined by both a common love of the Park and a commitment to maintaining it for all our community and for future generations.

### **The past year**

2020 will go down as a year of massive disruption to our lives due to the COVID 19 pandemic. I am pleased to say that whilst this has restricted some of our plans for the Park, nevertheless the Park has proved an invaluable resource for the local community during the periods of lockdown and restriction. We have had so many compliments from residents and I want to pay particular tribute to all the volunteers who have ensured that the park is safe and welcoming to all local people, young or old.

### **The management plan 2020**

At the outset of the year we agreed our management plan and shared the ideas with the community at the AGM. Although COVID has prevented us from doing some of our more ambitious plans (e.g. redeveloping the performance area) we were nevertheless able to maintain the park in good condition for all to enjoy safely.

We have also got more organised. We have a nominated trustee to deal with risk and health and safety issues. We have our new website up and running and our Facebook page continues to grow in popularity. We have an ever-increasing band of volunteers to help.

We were successful in a funding application from a local trust and we look forward to deploying the sums received in improving the park once we are able to do so after lockdown restrictions are eased.

### **Treasurer**

After many years of hard and diligent work as treasurer, Nicky Watson has decided to give up the role of treasurer, although she will be remaining as a trustee. I want to say a big thank you to Nicky for the many hours of work that she has put in to ensure that at all times we abided by all the rules and requirements of being a trust and charity. It is very much appreciated. The new treasurer is fellow trustee Richard Bayles.

### **Trustees**

This year saw us welcome a new trustee to the Board. Isla is a local resident and volunteer with particular interest in flowers and borders. We are sure she will add both expertise and enthusiasm to the Board.

### **Thank you**

I want to say thank you to all my fellow trustees who do so much work over the year, both in the park and at home doing the necessary paperwork. I also want to thank the many volunteers who work tirelessly and enthusiastically for the benefit of the park. I am proud that we have volunteers from right across the community, young and not so young, working together and having fun.

**Phil Cragg Chair 13.11.20**