

## Chair's Report – 2022-23

This report covers April 2022 until March 2023. During this period, we were able to start finding some normality post-pandemic, and start up our events programme once again. It was been wonderful for our clients to step back into socialising after such a difficult period.

Some of our key achievements during this time include:

- We were able to hold a 'Silver Sunday' tea in October and a Christmas lunch at The Roebuck, alongside the delivery of Easter teas and Christmas gift boxes supported by community and friends. We also continued events at the Cambrian centre, with a variety of guest speakers.
- We welcomed a new Trustee, Janet Bradford, who is also an RGN volunteer. Janet has been particularly focused on engaging local companies with our work and is extremely passionate and devoted to our cause. Welcome Janet!
- Thank you once again to RPLC, who have generously continued to support our work. They play a vital role in ensuring we can continue to offer our services to those who need them, and we greatly appreciate their involvement.
- We would also like to extend our thanks to Anissa and her colleagues at Cantell & Co, a local family run estate agency, who have been so generous in their involvement once again. Thank you to our Trustee Matt Lund too, for continuing to support this relationship. Matt also remains a very useful sounding board for Anne on many occasions.
- All of our Trustees have played important roles in the running of the organisation, while also being very willing volunteers! A big thank you to Trustee Anne Ardis for supporting Anne Speak on any safeguarding queries, as well as being a willing helper at the Cambrian Centre teas, and a great driving shopping volunteer – thanks for being very much on the front line. Thank you to Jennie Vian for all her work on our policies and in leading on the recruitment of new volunteers. Finally, thank you to our Treasurer, Russell Stuart, for doing such a great job in overseeing our finances. All our Trustees have also been involved in approaching grant-making organisations for funding, with particular success from the National Lottery and the Garfield Weston Foundation. A wonderful team effort!
- A big thank you to Clare Judge, our independent auditor, for all her work on RGN's finances and to Jennie Giangrande for looking after the RGN website, her work on our new-look newsletters and maintaining RGN's social media presence too.
- One of the biggest thank yous goes to our Organiser, Anne Speak, who leads on the running of RGN so enthusiastically and with such a solutions-focused attitude. I'm sure I speak for everyone when I say that we appreciate her beyond measure. During this time, she has been joined by Fay Davidson, who is also a fantastic asset to the charity and has settled into her role incredibly well.

Thank you to everyone involved for the impact you have on the lives of all our clients. We greatly appreciate every one of you.

Hannah Joyce  
Chair, Richmond Good Neighbours  
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