

VICE- CHAIR'S REPORT 2019 (Mrs. Joy Brown)

(AS ADOPTED AT AGM 2019 ON 15th NOVEMBER 2019)

Welcome to our AGM, this evening.

My grateful thanks and appreciation are offered, on behalf of the members of the society, to the officers and members of the Executive Committee for their continued interest in and enthusiastic support of the activities of this society.

Special thanks go to Mrs. Anne Winter, (Honorary Secretary), and Mr Martin Thomas, (Honorary Treasurer), who have been particularly helpful, being able to bring their local knowledge to the fore.

Thanks also go to Mr Andrew Slater, who has maintained our website, kept a watchful eye on our electricity consumption, and also on our Club Room building.

We have been concerned, for some time now, about the future of the Club Room, and we have continued to explore all available options.

As you will know we hold Coffee Mornings twice a year; and the income from these provides most of our funding. Thank you for attending these coffee mornings. I do hope you will continue to enjoy them.

Subscriptions remain the same as last year and we have continued our subscription to 'Civic Voice', which keeps us up to date with the activities of other civic societies.

This year we have held six meetings of the Executive Committee, and its members are mindful of the Objects of the Society, which are:

- **To promote high standards of planning and architecture in, or affecting the area of benefit, which is the civil parish of Whaley Bridge.**
- **To stimulate public interest in, and care for the beauty, history, and character of this area, and its surroundings.**
- **To secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of historic or public interest in the area of benefit.**

The agenda for each meeting gives opportunities to discuss and comment on Planning Applications, Public Rights of Way and other matters relating to the four wards of Whaley Bridge.

We receive reports from other local societies and pay an annual subscription to the 'Civic Voice', which helps us to be aware of what civic issues are being raised and dealt with nationally.

Sadly the membership of the Society continues to decrease, although it does maintain a strong interest in Whaley Bridge activities and local issues.

The Amenity Society is delighted to learn that Councillor John Pritchard has been nominated, (by High Peak Borough Council Leader, Councillor Anthony McKeown), to be made an Honorary Freeman of the Borough of High Peak. John has served the Whaley Bridge Community for almost half a century, as a Town and High Peak Borough Councillor, as well as the Amenity Society and other organisations locally and nationally. We are most grateful for his outstanding service to us all.

Sincere congratulations, John.

Thank you all for your attendance this evening and for your continued support.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2019 - 2020

Friday, 15th November 2019: 6.45pm: Doors open and Refreshments at Mechanics Institute 7pm: Talks, followed by 7.30pm: Start of Whaley Bridge Amenity Society ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Saturday, 25th April 2020: WBAS Coffee Morning, Mechanics Institute

Saturday, 12th September 2020: WBAS Coffee Morning, Mechanics Institute

Joy Brown (Vice-Chair)

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