



Chairman's Report 2020/2021

Dear Members & Friends,

Our Annual General Meeting scheduled for the 29th April 2020 was cancelled due to the restrictions put in place by the Government to combat the Covid 19 pandemic.

As uncertainty still surrounds when indoor meetings can fully resume the Blackhorse Residents Association Committee has agreed to hold this year's AGM using the Zoom technology. It was felt that to delay the AGM further, in the hope that a "normal" meeting might be held sometime soon, was not the proper course of action to follow.

Over the period of the "lockdown" the Committee held one meeting under the rule of six procedure along with a number of Zoom engagements. Contact with members has been maintained via our Newsletters and during the summer, in association with ASPRA & H.O.M.E residents' associations we contributed to the Addiscombe Magazine which was distributed to every household. We also sent a card to all our members at Christmas.

Since the "lockdown" began we've had no choice but to cancel all social events either planned or envisaged. In light of events, it was also decided not to collect any subscriptions for the year in question.

On the positive side it was heartening to see and hear how our community supported each other and the more vulnerable members of society throughout this difficult time and the instances of good deeds carried out are too numerous to mention.

We must not forget those who lost friends and family and those whose livelihoods have been impacted as a result of the pandemic and we extend our sympathy to all concerned.

At a time when restrictions appear to be slowly lifting, we look forward with hope, to brighter days ahead. In the meantime, on behalf of the Committee, I wish you well.

Vincent McLaughlin
Chairman