



Annual General Meeting

Monday, November 1st 2021

7 – 9pm, via Zoom

AGENDA

We return to our more usual agenda, aiming to give wider perspective of our community activity and for discussion over priorities for the year ahead. The meeting will be recorded and you are able to join by telephone as well as by zoom.

We have re-sequenced the agenda to enable to participant of Anneliese Dodds MP, Councillors Bearder and Upton who aim to join from 8pm

1. Welcome
2. Apologies for Absence
3. **Chair's Report**, followed by
4. **Guest speaker** - Alex Lipinski, Director - **News from The Porch**
Hear of the amazing work they do, the difference it makes and how our support has helped.
5. Minutes of the AGM held on 21 October 2020
6. Matters Arising
7. Treasurer's Report
8. Election of Committee

9. **Updates from our City Councillors**; Tom Hayes and Jemima Hunt, and our **County Councillor**, Mo Fadlalla.

10. **Open discussion** to agree priorities for the year ahead

11. AOB
12. Date of the next AGM: 20 October 2022 (tbc)

Committee nominations to Clare Ridley, DRARA secretary, secretary@drara.org.uk or in person on the night

Divinity Road Area Resident's Association Annual General Meeting November 2021

Chair's report

As we emerge from lock downs and restrictions, it's important to reflect on what has changed over the last year, what we have learnt, and what has remorselessly run on though the past 12 months.

The experience of the successive lock downs and the continued reality of Covid since our last AGM have reminded me, yet again, of the strength and resourcefulness across our neighbourhood. The WhatsApp groups have become an enduring legacy and are source of advice, information, support, gardening and plants, and some great recycling opportunities.

Underpinning much of this was the huge amount of time and energy put into establishing and sustaining the Covid hubs and support networks. As we move, hopefully, from pandemic to endemic, it is important that we recognise the continued legacy of this work, that we can establish and maintain effective networks that in so many ways support people across the neighbourhood. The street level groups continue to be an important source of information and support.

The support that local people have been giving to the Porch has been a very clear expression of the desire to practically support and assist the more vulnerable. The weekly food donation collections at the Coop and delivery by Kim and Florence have continued regardless of lockdown – a tremendous community effort. We are very pleased that we will be able to learn more about the Porch and have a conversation about how we can take this even further.

We have also learnt to be much better at how we communicate, as your residents' association, across our neighbourhood through our updates, emails, and the newsletter. We've also got good at Zoom, a resource that we may have ambivalence over, but we accept that is really very useful tool.

All through the past year we have been busy, and while the perennial issue of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) was not quite so evident, and the events were necessarily very limited, the work and discussions over the consultation on the Low Traffic Neighbourhood (LTN) more than compensated.

Our last AGM saw a great deal of discussion on the proposals for an LTN, and these continue. The new administration for the County Council has been taking another look at the proposals and has been consulting with groups that were not covered before. It is a complex issue, tied in with the views of residents, local businesses, and the challenges in dealing with Oxford's significant traffic and congestion problems. DRARA recognises these dilemmas.

However, the problems and risks that the level of traffic in our area poses for very many of us are clear, as is the level of local support for a scheme. We will continue to press for the implementation of an LTN scheme for our area.

DRARA, for a long time, has wanted a proper joined up approach between Brookes University, the Police and the City Council to deal with the problems of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB). It seems that this is now happening. There have been two pilots both aimed at tackling student ASB on Wednesday night (student party night); firstly, two extra officers were added to walk the area providing a visible deterrent. Secondly the City Council Out of Hours services has been extended to include Wednesday nights. We believe these have been funded by the City Council and Oxford Brookes. We continue to liaise closely with Oxford Brookes, pressing for prompt and definite action against those houses and students that are persistently the cause of much noise and disruption. Student noise while in the streets has been especially an issue for residents. Reporting issues and raising concerns promptly with the university remains central to how ASB issues are dealt with. Please go to www.eastoxfordreportit.org.uk to easily find the information you need to report issues.

We have all missed the regular events that have been a characteristic of DRARA's work for so long. We had the virtual Quiz in January, and then, in September, had Film in the Street, a lovely way to break a long period when we couldn't meet and enjoy something together. The creation of the monthly First Monday talks with residents across the neighbourhood have been a wonderful new addition and a great way to connect to each other. Apple picking in the Warneford Orchard was a brilliant chance to meet up with friends and neighbours. Hopefully we'll be able to have more face to face events over the coming months. The Events Committee will be starting to plan next year's events very soon.

And the other groups continue to meet and contribute to our neighbourhood. Their reports demonstrate how much has been done. We have continued to respond to planning. We respond to the licencing applications; there is a continual pressure coming to from pub and club owners to extend their opening hours through the night. The Environment Action Group organises the Freecycle days, the street clean, is keeping the tree gardens stocked, and produces the Green Flashes – which have a circulation well beyond our neighbourhood. Our Newsletter goes to every household. So, a huge thank you to everyone involved with The DRARA committee and the groups. It's a privilege to work with such and active and committed people. And a huge thanks to all our subs collectors. DRARA depends on the membership subs for the events and the newsletter.

The AGM is the time the committee and the officers are elected. We need a new lead person for membership, and our thanks to Paul for his work. It's important that there is steady and proportionate turnover in committee membership and in the officers. So, this will be, if I am elected, my final year as chair of DRARA, and similarly for Clare. During the course of the year she will be stepping down as DRARA secretary. I want to take this opportunity to thank her for the prodigious amount of work and effort she puts in to ensure to the work of DRARA – the university, traffic and all the other updates, linking with our councillors, the emails as well as support for the Covid

team and all the things that go unnoticed but make everything work better. There are many people involved in the work of DRARA, and I would like to **thank everyone** for all the commitment and hard work that they have put in.

Nick Welch, Chair DRARA

The DRARA Committee

- Nick Welch, Chair and Traffic lead
- Clare Ridley, Secretary and email communications,
- Alison Williams, Treasurer
- Tamasin Lilwall; Events & website
- Deb Tricker; Facebook, Promotion and events support
- Tom Knollys, Planning
- Lydia Matthews; Licencing
- Paul Vanags, Membership
- Maggie Hartford, Environment
- Karen Metcalfe, University Liaison
- Ella Guage, Student representative
- Jane Bingham, Newsletter

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- Hilary Frisbee
- Dom Parkinson
- Clare Ridley
- Chris Franks
- Jane Bingham
- Rob Waterson

DRARA News clipping

- David Morgan
- Riet Van Bremen

Porch donation Team

- Kim de Keijzer
- Florence de Keijzer

The Covid Support core team

- Doris Ahmed
- Lubna Arshad
- Trish Attwooll
- Venina Bland
- Cindy Carlson
- Sarah Christopher
- Geraldine Coggins
- Imogen Foxell
- Anna Eden
- Chris Franks
- Isobel Gillham
- James Harper
- Tamasin Lilwall
- Myfanwys Lloyd
- Alex Morrison
- Ali Morton
- Mori Reithmayr
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The Events Team

- Tamasin Lilwall
- Deborah Tricker
- Rebecca Phillipson
- George Wormald, Maggie Hertford, James, Pete and Leonor
- Elizabeth Mills
- Andy Roscoe and Sue Brownhill
- Ann Tutt
- Paul Vanags and Mitch Oliver
- Trish Attwooll
- Clare Ridley
- Victoria Sinclair and Vanessa Sinclair
- Martin Stott
- Christopher Livingston-Campbell
- Alison and Glen Williams
- Myfawny Lloyd, Marion Rees, Mark Redhead, Liz Boughton, Susan Lisk, Hanna and Ian Sinclair, Matt Fry, Suzy Harvey, Vicki Lloyd, Pauline Edwards, Guy Phillipson, Doaa Althalathini, Jo Steele, Kim and Florence de Keijzer, Trisha Andrews, Alice and David Lilwall, Dominic Parkinson
- Rumi Mohideen and colleagues from Warneford Trust
- Rupert Griffin from Tiddly Pomes
- James Ross and the team from Turning Point
- Richard Hayward

- Chris Franks
- Jane Bingham
- Rob Waterson

The Subscriptions Team

- Pauline Edwards
- Ann Edmunds
- Linda Forrest
- Maggie Budden
- Thomas Kirvens
- Jon Bliss
- Maggie Budden
- Rob Waterson
- Anne Hall
- Catriona Davidson
- Leila Lake

The Environment Action Team

- Trish Attwooll
- Anna Eden
- George Wormald
- Maggie Hartford
- Joanna Gilmour
- Maggie Lloyd
- Nick Welch
- Gerdi Hayward
- Richard Hayward
- Sandy Ruxton

- The fantastic Community Liaison Team at Oxford Brookes; Andrea, Emma, Jack & Wendy
- Our City Councillors, Tom Hayes and Jemima Hunt
- Our County Councillor, Mo Fadlalla
- Our local Community Police Team led by Sgt Neil Bouse
- The amazing Team at the Co-op
- Katherine Miles and the Bullingdon Good Neighbours Scheme
- Scott Urban, Oxford Liveable Streets

Reports from Committee Members - Year 2019-20

Communications report (Tamasin Lilwall)

Communications with the DRARA community continue to be through emails to the DRARA mailing list, the DRARA website, and the DRARA Facebook group. In addition,

our street WhatsApp groups continue to be a helpful way to share information across our area.

DRARA also hosts the [East Oxford Report It](#) site, which we developed a couple of years ago, and provides a wealth of information about issue reporting in East Oxford. This is used by DRARA residents and wider East Oxford residents.

A big thank you to Clare for her extensive work keeping us all informed with the DRARA emails, and Deb for her huge help with promotion and for looking after our Facebook page, and posting such useful information. A big thank you also to Tam who continues to maintain and sustain the website and galleries that show so much of what we do have been doing.

It is worth noting that new members of our community can now [join DRARA](#) through the website – so please point any new neighbours in this direction. Feedback is always welcome - please contact Tamasin at website@drara.org.uk. We also have a network of 'poster houses' across our community – thank you particularly to Anne Hall for managing the distribution of posters and newsletters, and to all those who have displayed DRARA posters in their windows over the last year. This is particularly important as it communicates information on events and support to those who don't have easy access to email or the web.

Street Champions and the Bartlemas Area Covid Support Team (Tam Lilwall)

The Bartlemas Area Covid Support Team, that began as a joint initiative between DRARA and Oxford Hub volunteers at the start of the pandemic in Spring 2020, continued to provide support through much of 2020/21.

In May/June 2021, it was clear that the nature of support required was changing, and that the role of street champions had naturally changed to championing their street/area within the Bartlemas/DRARA area, coordinating the sharing of information in the street WhatsApp groups and welcoming new neighbours to their area. The majority of Street Champions have continued in this role, and the street WhatsApp groups continue to be a key method of information sharing and communication.

In June 2021, Martin kindly hosted a get-together of our Street Champions, for many of us, the first time we had met face-to-face, and a lovely chance to reflect on the past year. The Street Champions continue to meet periodically on Zoom, and stay in touch via the Street Champion WhatsApp group.

A couple of other projects coordinated by our Street Champion network are as follows:

Porch donations – DRARA arranged for there to be a collection point to be located in the Divinity Road Coop, and donations are taken to the Porch on a weekly basis, coordinated by Kim and Flo. A huge thank you to Kim for all her hard work on this

over the last year, and to all those who have donated – the donations are really appreciated by the Porch.

Collection of IT equipment – two collections of computers and related equipment from the DRARA community have taken place in the past year, with an impressive set of donations going to Cheney School, particularly useful with the need for online access to lessons. Many thanks to Martin for coordinating this.

Interest based WhatsApp groups – as well as the street WhatsApp groups, our groups created to bring people together over shared interests have gone from strength to strength – Gardening, Flour and Bread, Crafts, Wildlife, Share and Freecycle and Energy. These have proven really popular and have enabled sharing of ideas, plants, recipes, flour purchases, requests and offers across our community. If you would like to join these, please email events@drara.org.uk.

Reach out to students - engaging with students returning to the DRARA area at the start of this term, to make them aware of the support available, encourage them to join their zone's WhatsApp group, explain the steps we are taking to keep our community safe and encourage engagement with this and the support response.

And finally, can we say a huge thank you to all our street champions over the past year: Sarah, Mori, Clare, Tamasin, Cindy, Martin, Jo, Hanna, Doris, Geraldine, Ali, Rob, Ann, Karen, Chris, Venina, Imogen, Sarah C, James, Myfanwy, Kim, Anna, Isobel, Lubna, Pippa, Mena.

Newsletter (Jane Bingham)

After a disrupted year in 2020, when we produced our own rather home-made looking newsletter, we have now returned to our usual format. In 2021, we have created Spring and Autumn issues - distributed by a wonderful team of volunteers to every household in the DRARA area and coordinated by Anne Hall. I would like to send thanks to all the distribution team, to Clare and Tam for their invaluable input, and to Georgia Styring for doing such a beautiful design job.

The newsletter aims:

- to inform everyone in the neighbourhood about DRARA activities and other local events
- to draw attention to local initiatives, such as LTN proposals and community policing schemes
- to report on community concerns and issues, such as anti-social behaviour
- to provide local interest stories, such as our 'meet the neighbour' profiles

The wider aim of the newsletter is

- to foster pride in our neighbourhood
- to connect different elements of our community and make us more aware of each other

We welcome all suggestions for articles as well as volunteers to write for the newsletter and help in editing it. In particular, we hope that some of the younger members of our community may be tempted to try their hand at reporting. So, if you feel you have something that you would like to share with our community, please get in touch with me, Jane Bingham, via the email address: secretary@drara.org.uk

Planning (Tom Knollys)

It has been a relatively quiet year on the planning front, but DRARA has continued to maintain a close watch on applications and made representations as necessary.

193a and 193b Divinity Road — An enforcement notice has been issued by the council against the unauthorised use of these two new-build houses as HMOs. We await further news.

137 Divinity Road — DRARA did not object to plans for minor extension and subdivision into two houses were approved but had concerns about parking and bin storage/access to the road.

49 Divinity Road — an application has been submitted for a dormer window on the front roofslope and other changes (seemingly to create a 7 bed HMO, although that would require further application). DRARA objects the enlargement of existing HMOs before permission is sought for a change to a large (Sui Generis) HMO, but it seems to be legitimate way of proceeding.

88 Divinity Road — an application to extend this existing HMO was approved.

Hill Top Road — new houses by Warneford Meadow: the landscaping of the access road was not in accordance with the plans but has been partially rectified following complaints from DRARA and others.

Warneford Lane — DRARA sent objections to an application for prior approval for a mobile phone mast on the central reservation (at the point where many people cross over to the park entrance). We were concerned about the positioning over this informal crossing point but also about the visual impact and the potential damage to tree roots (the council has made the point that the location would prevent the planting of new trees as existing trees reach the end of their life). There are less prominent parts of the central reservation that could be considered.

Licensing (Lydia Matthews)

DRARA appointed a Licensing Representative in May this year. DRARA has continued to make representations regarding licensing applications as necessary.

Heat African Bar & Restaurant Ltd - This premises applied to extend their license for the sale of alcohol Sunday to Thursday 12:00 until 00:00 and Friday and Saturday 12:00 until 01:00. DRARA objected to this application on the grounds of public nuisance: granting this variation to the existing license would significantly contribute to the

existing problems of alcohol related disorder and antisocial behavior. The venue is located less than a four minute walk from Divinity Rd and the Residents of DRARA already experience significant nuisance related to the number of businesses offering late night entertainment, particularly alcohol service, in this area. The Council agreed to some aspects of the application, but not others. The following conditions were attached: The Retail Sale of Alcohol (on sales only), Friday and Saturday 12:00 to 00:00, Sunday to Thursday 12:00 to 23:00. There shall be no admittance or re-admittance of customers after 22:00hrs Sunday to Thursday and 22:30hrs Friday and Saturday.

247 Cowley Road, Oxford - This premises applied for a license for both on and off-premises sales. DRARA had no in-principal objection to the application, especially given the venue's very reasonable opening hours and given that it is primarily a coffee and food cafe rather than a drinking establishment. However, no completed application form was available and the notice displayed in the premises stated that a license had been applied for from the East Devon District Council. DRARA objected on the grounds of an incomplete and improperly filed application. Once this was provided, we withdrew our objection.

Midcounties Co-operative, 217 Cowley Road - Residents have been experiencing high levels of alcohol related anti-social behaviour associated with this premises. This was caused by the fact that this premises was regularly selling alcohol to very drunk people, who then consumed alcohol in public streets (most notably on the corner of Divinity Rd and Cowley Rd) and caused serious nuisance to residents. The sale of alcohol to people who are already drunk is a legal offence. DRARA collected evidence of this and notified the Council's Licensing Compliance Officer who in turn notified Thames Valley Police. Since this action was taken in September, the premises has displayed signs stating that staff may refuse to sell alcohol to people who they believe to be drunk or who they believe will consume the alcohol that they have purchased on a public street. Some of the problems associated with this have improved, but DRARA continues to collect evidence of such activity.

HMOs - DRARA continues to monitor the HMO register and report unregistered HMOs. If you believe that your house or a house near you is operating as an unregistered HMO please email planning@drara.org.uk or contact the Council's HMO Enforcement Team, hmos@oxford.gov.uk. Residents can check whether a house is registered by looking at the list available here: https://www.oxford.gov.uk/info/20113/houses_in_multiple_occupation/910/register_of_hmo_licences. This list also provides details of the managing agent (often an estate agent), who you can contact if you encounter problems associated with the HMO. Problems with licensed HMOs can also be reported to planning@drara.org.uk.

Membership Report (Paul Vanags)

Obviously the year was very affected by COVID and collections were only completed in some areas. Thanks to everyone who went out and collected with their hand gel! We had about half of the areas collected in, but a decent trickle of new members and subscriptions being paid in outside of the collector scheme.

We are looking to go back to full capacity in 21/22 however we need a resident to lead the team as we begin the new collection year. Thanks again to everyone who collected for DRARA this year. We still have 2-3 areas which need volunteer collectors - it is a great way to get out and meet your neighbours. Anyone who would be interested in doing this vital liaison and collecting role please contact membership@drara.org.uk to find out what's involved.

Environment Group (Maggie Hartford)

The DRARA Environment Action Group (EAG) has returned to in-person action; including a small group litter-pick, part of Oxfordshire's Great Big Green Week, on the morning of Film in the Street.

We didn't have enough volunteers to clear all our streets and we would urge residents to have the courage and conviction to pick up litter and drop it in a nearby bin. Being seen by others doing this will contribute to changing social attitudes. Look at the [OxClean website](#) for ideas.

During the year, we helped to run a plant stall on the Gardens Open day, emailed 600 people, including DRARA residents, with 'Green Flashes' – ideas for improving our local environment, reusing and recycling, encouraging wildlife in our gardens, and enjoying local green spaces and nature. DRARA now has a Wildlife WhatsApp group, and a Share and Freecycle group, so please ask if you want to join.

The group also writes to councillors and groups such as Oxford Civic Society about our environmental concerns, and contacts supermarkets and businesses about plastic packaging and other environmental issues.

We are continuing to work on repairing and replanting the small gardens we created around trees in Divinity and Southfield Roads to brighten the neighbourhood. We are always looking for residents to 'adopt' one of the gardens near their home, so please contact us if you are interested. environment@drara.org.uk.

Events (Tamasin Lilwall)

The main aim of DRARA events has always been to bring our community together and to help neighbours connect with each other, and in 2020/21, while we continued to grapple with an array of lockdowns and Covid restrictions, we continued to create new ways of enabling our community to connect and come together.

We started the new DRARA year with the **DRARA Pumpkin Window Trail**, with the aim of providing a Covid-safe alternative to the usual October Halloween activities. Our enthusiastic and creative community rose to the challenge and the resulting trail provided much enjoyment for all ages, while our online gallery version meant it could be enjoyed from home too.

Following on from this success, in November we got involved in the city-wide project to **Light Up Lockdown** (an Oxford Lights Festival project for Covid times), by creating our own DRARA project to fill our neighbourhood windows with stained glass stars and

lanterns for a doorstep celebration. Ann and Tamasin created packs of materials, instruction sheets, and an amazing uptake from all ages in our community culminated in an amazing display of 'stained glass' stars, a socially distant neighbourhood walkabout with our homemade lanterns to admire all the creations, and an online gallery for those unable to join the walkabout. Thank you to Oxford Lights Festival for providing a small grant to cover the cost of materials.

In early December, we held a hugely successful **Porch Preserves and Cake Sale**, organised by Trish, with wonderful donations of cakes and biscuits from across the DRARA neighbourhood. We sold so much jam that we had to go to the Porch mid-sale to restock, and managed to raise an amazing £1000 for the Porch! Huge thanks to Trish for organising this, and to all those that helped on the stalls and supported the sale.

DRARA Living Advent, definitely a firm favourite in the DRARA community (and those walking through it!) really came into its own this year, new amazing window displays being revealed each day through Advent – bigger, brighter and even more beautiful than usual, we had 34 households participate, created an online map and gallery, and as a bonus many houses chose to keep their lights on throughout January to brighten up the streets in the spring lockdown. Huge thanks to Clare for organising this!

In January, the **DRARA Charity Quiz** went online – George and his team of Quizlings (James, Pete and Leonor) worked their magic with an amazing array of questions, and taking a big deep breath, moved the quiz online... quite an amazing feat – 19 teams, 140 team members, with each team containing members in multiple physical locations. With the support of Clare, we embraced breakout rooms, digital scoreboards, and all the eccentricities of Zoom, and after a few teething problems, the evening was a huge success – such a joy to be able to come together despite the lockdown – online didn't make it any less competitive, with the *HillRaisers* winning on a tie break. The quiz night raised an amazing amount for three local charities: The Porch new building - £439, Oxford Hub - £263, Oxford mutual Aid - £1660.

Thanks to a brainwave of Elizabeth Mills, and with the context of the Covid pandemic and lockdown, in January 2021 we launched a regular series of online talks "**First Monday with DRARA**" – so named because they take place on the first Monday of each month. The talks last 45 minutes, followed by questions and discussion with our guest and fellow neighbours. These talks have been extremely popular from the start - the nine First Mondays to date have covered Brecht, Wordsworth, Oxford's food history, an insight into developing museum exhibitions, contemporary crime writing, researching family history, Charlie Chaplin, swifts and supporting children impacted by parental imprisonment – just the tip of the iceberg of the amazing array of knowledge and experience we have within our DRARA community. All talks are recorded and available on the DRARA website. This is a great example of the benefits of embracing web technology – no hall to book, no need to arrange babysitters, indeed no need for anyone to venture out anywhere! But very clearly still in our community with lots of familiar faces and interesting discussions. We already have talks lined up into the start of next year – we're sure this new addition to our schedule is going to keep running for years to come!

We have managed to hold two **Freecycle Days** this year (so far!) – The first in April proved to be so successful, that we organised a second in June. The Share and Freecycle WhatsApp group has also gone from strength to strength, providing a forum to pass unwanted items on to a new home, but also put out requests – including for our DRARA events!

In June, with lockdown easing, and although not all restrictions lifted, **DRARA Open Gardens**, provided the perfect return to Covid-sensible in-person events for the DRARA community, and was appreciated more than ever! With very unseasonal weather in the lead up, the sun came out just in time to show off all the glory of the gardens. As the DRARA Gardening WhatsApp group testifies, we have a great balance of gardening knowledge and gardening novices in our community – both the WhatsApp group and Open Gardens enabling an exchange of knowledge and inspiration. The plant sale this year, hosted by Tom and Peter, was bursting with amazing offerings, and raised £361, and the refreshments and cakes hosted in the churchyard raised £210, both for the maintenance of the churchyard as an eco wildlife-friendly space. Open Gardens raised £476 shared between Cowley Road Works and The Porch. As always, a huge thank you to Rebecca for organising this much loved event, and the Open Gardeners, without whom it wouldn't exist!

In September, **Film in the Street** returned – 20 years since the first DRARA Film in the Street, and with the most magical weather, we had a fantastic turnout to watch Paddington – a very popular choice of film! Coupled with an impressive popcorn and cake stall, and of course, the much anticipated opportunity for the kids to play in the street beforehand, this return of an almost normal DRARA event meant so much to many of us – and we really look forward to being able to resume many of our usual DRARA fixtures over the coming year. Thanks to the fantastic turnout, Film in the Street more than covered its (significant) licensing costs, raising an amazing £425, and thus able to contribute to many of the other DRARA costs this year. A huge thank you to Andy and Sue for lending the side of their house and enabling Film in the Street to happen, and to all those who helped on the day.

If you would like to get involved in organising events or activities, we would love to hear from you – please email events@drara.org.uk.

University Liaison (Karen Metcalfe)

DRARA works with both universities to improve relations between residents and students. Most students in this area are from Brookes University, and DRARA is in regular communication with Brookes University about measures which can be taken to improve relationships.

Throughout the year I have attended Residents' Associations Meetings at Brookes University on behalf of DRARA alongside regular updates with the Community Engagement Team.

In recent months, throughout lockdown and at the start of the new term, Brookes have worked hard to keep us informed.

Brookes University take concerns seriously. The Community Engagement Team follows a complaints procedure to deal with anti-social behaviour and excessive noise disturbance so please report it.

TREASURER'S REPORT - YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021 (Alison Williams)

This year saw a return of many of DRARA's activities, after Covid19 had prevented much from happening last year. A subscription to Zoom Pro proved to be an excellent investment for our committee meetings and First Mondays, and especially for the phenomenally successful Quiz Night which we held on Zoom in January.

1. INCOME:

Subscriptions: Income from subs of £649 was slightly higher than last year's £584, but still down on previous years, with Covid once more restricting door-to-door collecting. (Subs income over the 10 years to 2019 averaged over £1,000 annually.) The subscriptions team have worked hard to reach people safely and have encouraged residents to pay by BACS, and particularly to set up Standing Orders.

DRARA events: The table below shows how events picked up really well after a bleak Covid schedule in the previous year, with funds raised totalling £4,499.73, compared to £846.17. Traditionally, profit from most DRARA events is donated to charities, as was the case this year. The exception was the Film in the Street in September, where people attending were asked for donations to cover the fairly high costs of showing a film - and their generosity led to a surplus of £221.43.

| DRARA events 2020-2021 | Inc | Exps | Donations | Balance | Donation recipients |
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| 5/12/20: Cake and Porch jam sale/90 Div Rd | 1,092.50 | 0.00 | 1,092.50 | 0.00 | The Porch |
| 28/01/21: Quiz Night on Zoom | 2,491.00 | 0.00 | 2,491.00 | 0.00 | * The Porch £566; The Hub £265; Oxford Mutual Aid £1,660 |
| 06/06/21: Open Gardens | 491.00 | 0.00 | 491.00 | 0.00 | Cowley Roadworks £250; The Porch £241 |
| 18/09/21: Film in the Street | 425.23 | 203.80 | 0.00 | 221.43 | |
| | 4,499.73 | 203.80 | 4,074.50 | 221.43 | |

* Most of the Quiz Night funding was paid direct by donors to the charities (The Porch £529; The Hub £248; Oxford Mutual Aid £1,653). The remaining £37; £17 and £7 respectively was paid by DRARA from donor cheques received.

Grant from Oxford City Council: A £50 grant was made to DRARA for the Lights Night project in November 2020.

Traffic donation: A member of the committee kindly made a donation of £175 to cover the cost of designing a Low Traffic Neighbourhood leaflet.

2. EXPENDITURE:

Expenditure for the year is divided into two sub-accounts - General Funds, and Oxford City Council's £1,400 grant (made to DRARA in June 2018). The latter was granted as a contribution to the improvement of our streets, and at 30/09/2021 there was a balance of £108.30 in this sub-account.

General Funds:

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| Traffic leaflet costs | 175.00 | (Paid for by a donation) |
| Newsletters | 390.00 | (Autumn 2020 and Spring 2021 editions) |
| Insurance | 289.00 | |
| Sundries | 14.12 | (Stamps £9.12; Ox Civic Soc m/ship £5) |
| Website and Zoom costs | 399.46 | (including Zoom Pro £143.88) |
| Event expenses | 203.80 | (Use of film costs; City Council license) |
| Donations from events | 4,074.50 | (See details in box above) |
| Other | <u>50.00</u> | (SIM card for Covid networking) |
| Subtotal: | <u>5,595.88</u> | |

Oxford City Council £1,400 grant:

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| LTN printing | 561.50 |
| Report It website | 134.40 |
| Smart Survey re LTNs | <u>48.60</u> |
| Subtotal: | <u>744.50</u> |

Total expenditure for the year: £6,340.38

3. BALANCE:

We ended the financial year with an overall balance of £1,738.04, nearly £1,000 less than last year's balance of £2,704.69. Hopefully, as and when Covid19 recedes, we will be able to replenish our funds with more subs year by year, and possibly seeking sponsorship for our newsletter.

DIVINITY ROAD AREA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (DRARA)
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

| Income & Expenditure | 2021 | | 2020 | |
|---|----------|------------------------|----------|------------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Income | | | | |
| Subscriptions | 649.00 | | 584.00 | |
| Events | 4,499.73 | | 846.17 | |
| Grant from Oxford City Council | 50.00 | | 125.00 | |
| Traffic donation | 175.00 | | - | |
| | | 5,373.73 | | 1,555.17 |
| Expenditure | | | | |
| GENERAL FUNDS: | | | | |
| Photocopying/printing | 0.00 | | 20.00 | |
| Traffic | 175.00 | | - | |
| Newsletter | 390.00 | | 162.80 | |
| Insurance | 289.00 | | 0.00 | |
| Sundries | 14.12 | | 0.00 | |
| Website/drara.org.uk | 399.46 | | 158.38 | |
| Events | 203.80 | | 21.85 | |
| Charitable donations | 4,074.50 | | 734.27 | |
| Other | 50.00 | | 59.72 | |
| SUBTOTAL: | 5,595.88 | | 1,157.02 | |
| Oxford City Council GRANT (£1400) | | | | |
| Printing leaflets/flyers/newsletters re traffic | 561.50 | | 150.00 | |
| East Oxford Report It website costs | 134.40 | | 157.20 | |
| Smart Survey (traffic) | 48.60 | | 240.00 | |
| SUBTOTAL: | 744.50 | | 547.20 | |
| | | (6,340.38): | | (1,704.22) |
| Surplus for the year | | <u>(966.65)</u> | | <u>(149.05)</u> |
| Balance sheet | | | | |
| Cash at bank | | 1,703.94 | | 2,650.41 |
| Petty Cash | | 54.28 | | 54.28 |
| Inc: Deposits to bank after year-end | | 5.00 | | 0.00 |
| Exp: Invoices paid after year-end | | (25.18) | | - |
| | | - | | - |
| | | <u>1,738.04</u> | | <u>2,704.69</u> |
| Represented by: | | | | |
| Historical surplus brought forward | | 2,704.69 | | 2,704.69 |
| Surplus for the year | | (966.65) | | (149.05) |
| | | <u>1,738.04</u> | | <u>2,704.69</u> |
| By Fund: | | | | |
| East Oxford Forum | | 10.00 | | 10.00 |
| General fund | | 1,619.74 | | 1,841.89 |
| Earmarked grant from Oxford City Council | | 108.30 | | 852.80 |
| | | <u>1,738.04</u> | | <u>2,704.69</u> |

I have checked these accounts and the financial records of DRARA, and confirm that they are in order.

James Rowland

22 October 2021