

East Woodhay Society – Annual Parish Meeting – 24th May 2020



As with all areas of life the COVID-19 pandemic has had a major impact on East Woodhay Society over the past year.

We were though delighted to raise £1500 for our nominated charity Young People & Children First, which was trebled up to £4500 via the Good Exchange. This was largely due to events undertaken prior to lockdown but we also raised money via 'guess the local location' which was emailed out. In addition, by linking with the Spectrum team, we are now partnering to include Spectrum adverts on www.wooltonhill.com under the business section and this contributed £600 of the £1500.

Thanks again to the Parish Council for their support for the Woolton Hill website to enable this to be up and running. The website helps promote the area and to keep people informed of local information and had increased use during past year. Particular popular areas were the sections on local walks and Coronavirus news.

Unfortunately, the Walking for Health Friday walks have had to be put on hold since the start of the pandemic and we are uncertain as to how to restart these as there are new restrictions with the formal organisation; it may be a case of EWS undertaking regular local walks separately from any umbrella structure.

With the pandemic came the need to keep local residents informed of the latest Government guidelines/rules in an easy to understand format and to also provide the latest local information e.g. shop deliveries, pub takeaways, activities online. We teamed up with other local societies and Neighbourcare to produce a weekly Newsletter, which helped members through these COVID times. These are also stored on the Woolton Hill website.

EWS also maintain the Woolton Hill Facebook page which is followed/liked by 688 people. Teresa Munn and I post information which we believe is of interest to local people. The most seen post was regarding the Newtown Road Tip which was shared widely and viewed by an incredible 6820 people.

We look forward to getting back to having community events and we are planning a family walk, the popular wine tasting quiz, a quiz and curry and we are hoping to organise a Christmas event involving Father Christmas

Mark Rand - Chair EWS