



# DARESBUY District Heritage Group

## Annual General Meeting - May 2021

### Chairman's Report

For the second year we have been unable to hold our usual AGM due to the restrictions of the Covid-19 pandemic. The committee decided that rather than cancel it altogether, we would email all the necessary documents to our members and invite their comments by the end of May. This timeframe is in line with our constitution.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the committee members for their work, commitment and enthusiasm over the year. I would also like to thank all our members and friends who contribute to the work of the heritage group in so many ways. I hope that the restrictions of the past year or so have not dampened your enthusiasm.

We have continued with our research and this was focussed on unearthing the stories of our WW2 soldiers. There is a section on our website where these have been uploaded, but, unlike WW1, information for WW2 is difficult to find. In most cases, we are dependant on you to share the stories of your family. The local newspapers will provide some information for us, but of course we have been unable to go to the archives department to look at them.

We have also gathered other information and published several small booklets. These have been sent to our members but the only other outlet we have had is the Village Shop in Moore. We are very grateful to Don and Elaine for having them in the shop available for sale. Once Covid restrictions are lifted, we plan to have these booklets available elsewhere in the parish and, of course, at our events.

A Yearbook for 2019 was the first to be published and we have begun thinking about the next one. It will contain some of the lovely photos that were shared with us during the first lockdown last spring. Three others have been published - 'People in History', 'The Methodist Chapel in Moore' and 'People at Work'.

I continue to attend meetings of Halton Heritage Partnership, but their activities have been curtailed too. The major development is that Halton is the 'Borough of Culture' in the Liverpool City Region for this year. Not many activities have been able to take place so far, but many exciting events are planned and we will be supporting some of them at least. Details of these can be found on the website [www.celebratehalton.co.uk](http://www.celebratehalton.co.uk)

Our Facebook page continues to be active and is a major way for us to engage with you. I try to answer all your queries promptly and love reading your comments. You provide all sorts of bits of information for us. Each Saturday there is a 'Snippet' of information and one of these each month tells something of WW2. This year we are also posting about people's occupations and telling the many different ways that they travelled around the parish.

We have supported 'Heritage Open Days' for the past few years. Last year the theme was 'Hidden Nature' and we posted information about some of the open spaces in the parish. You can find them on our website.

In September 2021, the theme will be 'Edible England'. This has given us the incentive to look in depth at our farming history. Look out for a major display at Hatton Show on September 11. In addition, we are working with the Show committee to submit a bid to 'Awards for All' and the 'Area Forum' to purchase recording equipment and the necessary training, so that we can record oral histories. We would be so grateful to any of you who can tell us about farms, share photos and help us to record their stories.

Thank you for taking the time to read my report. We will resume our usual range of activities as soon as we can and look forward to seeing you again soon. In the meantime, stay safe.