Bolehill & Steeple Grange Improvement Group

Chair's report for 2018

At the AGM in January 2018, we didn't receive any volunteers or nominations for the post of Chair & Secretary of BIG, as a consequence different individuals have volunteered throughout the year to take on these roles at each of our five meetings.

Thanks to Liz Ormond, June Jepson, David Schofield and Jackie Batchelor for chairing individual meetings and to Sandie Weeks, Frances Edwards, Liz Ormond, Miny Schofield and Mike Edwards for writing up the notes.

This year in June, we held our biggest community event, the inaugural Bolehill & Steeple Grange Open Gardens, which was a great success with 14 gardens, refreshments and plant sales attracting over 300 visitors on a hot weekend in June. The event raised significant funds to enable the provision of a second community defibrillator. We hope to run the event again this year. A big thank you to the Open Gardens sub group for all their hard work in setting up the event and the owners of the gardens.

Other successful community events attended by residents and visitors have included:

- Quiz night in February
- Visit to Mount Cook for Archery in April
- May Bank Holiday Garage Sale & "Miner's Feast'
- Trip to Good luck Mine in June
- 1918 Commemorations & Remembrance Service
- Village walk to the Malt Shovel in November
- Village Carols on The Green and Pop up Pub in December

Once again a big thank you to all those residents involved in organising these events and to everyone who supports the events.

Other BIG achievements this year include:

- *Installation of the second community defibrillator at Steeple Grange Dental Surgery*, a very big thank you to Tony Gillibrand of The Lanes for all his hard work in making this happen on behalf of the group, for the subsequent refresher training and for checking and looking after both defibrillators weekly throughout the year.
- *Works to Oakerthorpe Road footwa*y, thank you especially goes to Richard Daldorph of Oakerthorpe Road for pursuing Derbyshire County Council until they took action in clearing and partially resurfacing the footway with limestone chippings, and renewing the white lines.
- *Refurbishment of the Community Noticeboard in Steeple Grange* which took place in the summer, another thank you to Tony Gillibrand for undertaking this for us.

This report has been written by Jackie Batchelor of The Lanes in the absence of a permanent BIG Chair.