

# DIGSWELL PLACE GROUP RDA

## February 2021

### Keeping you updated

It's been a while since we've all been together, so we thought we'd drop you a line with news from the Group. Many of us are unable to be actively involved at the Yard at the moment but there's plenty of work going on behind the scenes to keep our Group running during these extraordinary times.

### AGM

Our AGM attended by voting Members of the CIO was held via Zoom in December; our accounts were approved and submitted to the Charities Commission. The latest Trustees Annual report can be found on the Charity Commission website, just search for Charity number 1163233.

### Trustees & Management Committee - new appointments

We're delighted to announce that Alison Masters has taken over as Chair of the Management Committee and Beatrice Leigh as Vice Chair. We wish them both well in their new roles and thank them for taking this on. They, and the Management Committee, will continue to be supported by the Trustees with Sue Clarke still as Chair Trustees, Jennie Redford as our Treasurer and Bridget Johnstone as Group Secretary.

### Funding & Fundraising

It's no mean feat keeping a yard of our size and complexity running and future fit – even when the gates are closed. We're blessed with a wonderful family of supporters who can't do enough for us, and thanks to prudent budget management, our financial reserves, the support of all our donors and some grants we remain optimistic that we'll weather this period.

Among those who've helped us are our friends at North Herts RDA Group who kindly made a generous donation towards our running costs.

Our fundraising team remains busy; with physical events cancelled, we've broken new ground with some super virtual campaigns. The **latest to launch** is an art competition in partnership with Odyssey & Mather Marshall, details at; [www.art.digswellplacerda.org.uk](http://www.art.digswellplacerda.org.uk) Look out for the Art Auction coming soon too.

The generosity of everyone during this difficult time has been so heart warming, thank you to all.

### Yard News

Sue J, Sian, our core team and minders continue to keep the Yard ready for the day when we can return, our heartfelt thanks go to them all.



Bonnie is making a good recovery from her op & looking lovely in the snow!

### Staying connected

We look forward to meeting again sometime, meanwhile there are ways to stay in touch and involved, including some great e-learning courses available for free on [www.myrda.org.uk](http://www.myrda.org.uk).

Our Facebook page continues to post news & photos from the Yard and key updates are shown on our website.

*With very best wishes from DPGRDA  
Trustees & Management Committee*