



**AGM ON APRIL 12TH 2021**

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

My report for 2020 is more of an overview for the last five years. Despite the lockdown we have managed to continue with work on the road and other matters. But as there are new residents I thought they should know a little about the Association's background.

Johns Road Residents' Association was formed 5 years ago. Our main purpose is - / *paraphrase what is written in the Constitution* - **'Improve the environment and the enjoyment of the road by attending to the surface, making it easier and more comfortable for emergency and utility vehicles, drivers, cyclists, walkers and horse riders'**  
We are a Private Road and a Bridleway.

There are other responsibilities too, such as signage, trimming foliage, attempting to control speeding, and the use of the turning area. We also have communications with the Parish and local Councils and the gritting agency, as well as the Police and Neighbourhood Watch. We are the only Residents' Association in the village.

Even before the JRRA was formed many of us had been repairing the road, as we had been warned by the Ambulance and Fire Services that they were unhappy about the road surface. I had a visit from Biffa, who said that the road was unsafe for their operatives and that it was possible we may have to take our bins to the end of the road for collection.

In the early days of the Association we conducted a survey. The majority of residents voted to keep the road as rural as possible, which ruled out a full tarmacadam or concrete covering – in any event it was unlikely that we could have raised funds for these treatments.

Nevertheless, we have spent £10,000 - £12,000 on the road surface. We have experimented with various procedures and the current treatment is the result of testing. We know that this will not be perfect but we are hoping than the Postcreted potholes will have a longer life than previous materials.

I would like to thank my Committee colleagues and all the residents who have strongly supported the Association either by their subscriptions or involvement .

In particular, **Linda Bennett** who keeps the admin and all the communications mentioned above alive; **Trevor Sykes** who handles all things digital and our website, Zoom and Google Meet; **Steve Bull**, who looks after our finances; **John Howard** and **Mickey** who have provided the muscle and skill in all the recent work on the road along with **John Bennett**; **Joe McDonald and John White** who have separately carried out concrete repairs further down the road; **Martin Allen**, our local Councillor for his support; **Nick and James** from Endfield, Ninehams Road who played a part in the last road-working session and kindly drove to collect 20 more bags of Postcrete in lieu of their subscription. Apologies to **Charlie, Edward and Albert Hunt** who have offered their help but so far we haven't been able to take up their offer. I should also mention **Allen Moat** and his wife **Myra** who have had a tough year or two health-wise; and **Lee McDermott** (Allen and Lee were very active with the roadwork in the past).

This has been my longest Chairman's Report and the last one as I am not putting myself up for re-election. Thank you everyone for your support over the last five years.

Chris Lovelace