

# **WOKINGHAM DISTRICT VETERAN TREE ASSOCIATION**

## **Committee Report for 2017**

The Association was formed in 2007 and became affiliated with the Tree Council's Tree Warden Scheme in October 2010. It is managed by a committee consisting of four officers and thirteen other members. Additionally there are two ex officio representatives of Wokingham Borough Council.

There were 249 members registered at the end of 2017 (2016 – 250) of whom 21 have registered as tree wardens. No membership fee is charged, nor are there any current proposals to introduce a subscription.

The financial transactions of the year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 have been reviewed by Mr Angus Ross, acting as the Association's Independent Examiner, and his report and the Receipts and Payments Account will be available for review at the AGM.

The receipt of a National Lottery grant enabled us to have our Anniversary Report professionally printed, and we were grateful to receive grants and donations from twelve of the seventeen parishes and towns which has offset the professional design and other costs associated with the report. We plan to continue to sell copies of the report to recoup this expenditure. We were also grateful for Wokingham Borough Council refunding our insurance costs. Together these receipts enabled us to make a surplus of £26.

In 2017 we continued with our main activities of the veteran tree survey and various Tree Warden projects and activities and our website continues to receive ad-hoc requests which we forward to the most relevant coordinator or Tree Warden and provide responses as quickly and efficiently as possible.

A major activity in 2017 has been the production of a report to celebrate our tenth anniversary and we held a very successful Launch for the report in October and were very pleased to welcome Jill Butler and Ted Green from the Woodland Trust and Ancient Tree Forum at the launch.

Our other events during the year started with an enjoyable walk through Waltham St Lawrence and Shottesbrooke Park followed by a pub lunch. We participated for the first time in the Wokingham Arts Trail and in September we visited Dr. Glynn Percival at Bartlett Tree Experts and he and his team gave us a very informative and interesting tour of their research and diagnostic laboratories and field site.

Kerry Clissold, Secretary

20<sup>th</sup> February 2018