



## Kent Local Section 2021 AGM Minutes

### 2021 Annual General Meeting of the RSC Kent Local Section Held via Zoom on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 1900

- Attendance:** 39 members registered for the meeting and 31 attended in person. Apologies were received from Noel Grabham, David Hall and Ale Traspas
- Minutes of the previous meeting:** Minutes of the previous meeting were pre-circulated and agreed unanimously as a fair record. These will be sent to RSC Networks for review and filing
- Matters Arising:** None were declared
- Declaration of officers and officers:** Mark Botting and Ian Parsons had resigned from the committee as Chairman and Chemists Community Fund representative, respectively. The following Officers were appointed to the Kent Local Section committee for 2022-2025:

Chairman	Gemma Scotney
Secretary	Dave Alker
Treasurer	Greg Burnard
CCF representative	Peter Jones

The following also join to the Committee as ordinary members for 2022-2025:

Anna Andreou	1 <sup>st</sup> term
Mark Botting	1 <sup>st</sup> term
Sam Booth	2 <sup>nd</sup> term
Craig Milsted	2 <sup>nd</sup> term
- Retiring members:** Mark thanked Ian Parsons for his enthusiasm and commitment in the role of Chemists Community Fund coordinator for the Kent Local Section over the last 11 years.

Mark also read out the following message from Anna Dearden of the CCF in recognition of Ian's contribution to their work:

*We were sorry to hear of Ian's intention to resign from the CCF Local Section Coordinator in Kent and his Visitor roles, but understand his decision. We've really appreciated and valued all of the support that Ian has given to the Chemists' Community Fund, other members and the Fund team over many years in both roles, and are pleased that he will remain involved as an Ambassador.*

*Ian's support of me since I joined the RSC as Fund Manager in 2018 has also been appreciated, along with the warm welcome that I had when I was invited to meet with some of the Kent Chemists' Community Fund volunteers in Whitstable in 2019.*

*So I send the best wishes of the Chemists' Community Fund Team to Ian, and of course these extend to his wife Jenny as well who has supported much of this work.*

*Thank you, Anna Dearden, Chemists' Community Fund Manager*
- Chairman's report:** The 2021 Annual Report had been pre-circulated. Mark summarised the activities of 2021 commenting that Kent Local Section had continued to be very active in both schools outreach and support and in organising social events, though the latter had been exclusively online last year



Bob Blade and Simon O'Leary were applauded as recipients of gold badges recognising that they had achieved 40 years membership of the RSC. Badges will be sent to all 11 eligible members by RSC Membership and Dave will liaise with them to arrange certificates

7. **Treasurer's report:** This was pre-circulated to all registered attendees. As in 2020 the activities of the Kent Local Section were significantly reduced in 2021 due to the impact of Covid. There were no physical meetings, Chemist Community Fund activities or membership events although several successful on-line events were held. The cost of these on-line events was subsidised by the Section. Also due to the Covid restrictions there were no requests for the school travel grants. A grant of £2000 was made towards the provision of visualisers which has helped local schools continue to demonstrate chemistry experiments during a time of social distancing. The annual prizes for chemistry students and apprentices in Kent universities were also provided. The account balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 was £5400

Greg reported that the Kent Local Section grant for 2022 will be £5,592.50. As this will take our bank balance over £10,000 the initial payment will be £4,600.28. The remaining balance of £992.22 can be accessed by email at [networks@rsc.org](mailto:networks@rsc.org) before 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022

8. **Chemists Community Fund report:** This was pre-circulated to all registered attendees
9. **Appointment of auditors:**  
Peter Drewry offered to act as auditor for 2022 and this was accepted unanimously
10. **AOB:**  
Dave Alker arranged a round of applause for Mark recognising his 12 years as Chairman during which time he had steered the committee through thick & thin

Meeting was closed at 1934