

## ROYAL SOCIETY OF CHEMISTRY CHEMISTS' COMMUNITY FUND

### Report of Kent Local Section for the year 2021

The number of CC Fund Volunteers in Kent remains at 13, with one "Accompanying Volunteer Visitor". I am not aware of any Kent Volunteer who is approaching the age of 80. Retirement at this age is no longer mandatory, but any Volunteer reaching 80 will be invited to consider whether he or she wishes to continue in the role.

The Fund itself has received seemingly record numbers of applicants for its services, but, almost without exception, these have all been dealt with by direct contact with the Fund Office in Cambridge. I would congratulate them on reaching out to so many RSC members.

Nevertheless, contact has been maintained with all Kent based volunteers – be they Ambassadors or Visitors.

Each year a web based "meeting" for volunteers has been organised by The Fund Office, & this has helped us all keep "in the picture". It remains to be seen whether this mode of communication will continue, or whether more traditional, face to face contact will resume, now that Covid seems, thankfully, to be on the wane. This also applies to local section "retired members' lunches" which are very popular in some areas, having been kindly subsidised by local section committees.

I have undertaken the role of Kent Section Coordinator for quite a few years, but I have now taken the decision to retire from this role after this AGM. I'd like to thank the Committee, all other Kent Volunteers & the Fund Office for their help & support during that time. I shall still continue as an "Ambassador". Peter Jones has kindly agreed to take over the position of Coordinator & I'd like to wish him success in that role. I'm sure everyone will give him the same high level of support that they have given me.

Christmas cards were sent to every retired member in Kent, the operation again done entirely from the Cambridge office. We did, however, take advantage of the offer to craft a short Christmas message which was included in every card sent.

I'd like to conclude by again thanking the Local Section committee for their support & assistance during the past year, & I look forward to the Fund continuing to flourish in 2022 & in the future.

If you are aware of any person who may benefit from help from the Fund, please contact any Volunteer Visitor, the Fund office in Cambridge, or myself. I'm sure that the local section committee would also be happy to pass on any request for assistance from The Fund. All information is regarded as highly confidential, & dealt with sympathetically. (01223 432227 e mail: [ccfund@rsc.org](mailto:ccfund@rsc.org))

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