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Chairman's Report 2020

Hello from your Chairperson, here is my Annual Report.

Sadly this year it will have to be a written one only and not delivered personally at our AGM meeting!

I do hope you are all coping with the lockdown and please if anyone is struggling with self-isolation and feeling lonely, there are members on our website you can send a message to and have a chat.

Our year has been very active and I am thrilled with the number of new members we have welcomed, it has meant we have had some very lively and interesting discussions! I hope you have found the meetings you have attended informative. I am very proud of the website and the information we have been able to pass on to everyone in the Andover Area. Our Editors have had a task trying to sift through some of the rubbish that has been put out and we hope we have managed to keep a balance as so much of the information coming in, about Covid 19, can be scare mongering.

A big highlight of 2019 was our Fit for Life event at the new Andover Sports Centre. The staff were very helpful setting up for us and providing refreshments and we thank them all for their help. However parking was an issue and could have kept our attendance lower than we would have liked. It proved to be a very informative few hours with many stallholders wanting us to have another event this year. We have found a more accessible venue at the Baptist Church off Charlton Road. It is on the

bus route and will give our stallholders better facilities for unloading their stand equipment with plenty of parking. However as I write this report we hope to stage the event but like everything else this year, it all depends on the Covid 19 situation.

I would like to say a very big THANK YOU to all our Executive Committee, many of whom have had to deal with health problems this year, but have still achieved great results. We will sadly be saying goodbye to our wonderful fundraiser The Hon Alderman Marion Kerley MBE, however she will still be playing a part on our committee I am glad to say, but feels it must be in a less active position. This means we are desperately looking for someone to fill her position.

I finish this report with a heartfelt wish that you all stay safe and that we can get together again very soon.

Take care everyone.

Jenny Kay
Chairperson
Andover and District Older People's Forum