

NSNTA 40th AGM, scheduled for 12 May 2020

Chairman's Report

I am so glad to be writing this report and you reading it, because it means that, so far, we have survived. However, if you have been affected by a loss, I would like to send my sincere condolences. Equally, I can imagine what it has been like for the waiting relatives of the fortunate ones who pulled through,

At this point I should refer to my Note from The Chair in the latest Newsletter. In the note I anticipated this report on our state of health in the last year. Basically, with certain caveats, everything was going so well. Even with seven years' worth of hindsight, I could not have predicted the condition we are in now. However, in moving forward, the new Chair will be greatly helped by the tangible positive mental attitude of the membership.

Everyone is determined to get on with life and make the most of it. How else can I explain your motivation to book trips immediately and when participating, displaying a mental and physical agility belying the years?

We will get through this bad time and be there when the government realises that part of a pensioner's care package should be membership of the National Trust. Until then, I urge you to go on line and make virtual tours of Trust properties and our national heritage.

Most importantly, do keep up your Trust and Association Membership.

Richard as Secretary, and John as Newsletter Editor will keep in touch with you and you can keep in touch with The Association through news on our website. Speaking personally, I would like to see reports and photos of places you regard as special in the Newsletter, whether it is something you have spotted on a walk or places you want to visit as soon as we are able. Who knows we may be able to hold a North Staffs NTA Zoom meeting or House Party?

Best wishes to my successor and all the Members.

See you soon, or see you Zoom,

Ralph White