

Chairpersons report on behalf of

Kinallen Rural Community Development Association.

Year 2021-2022

It is a pleasure to offer this chairperson's report as with the lifting of the lock-down protocols we as a community organisation have been able to restart some of our many groups and activities.

This past year has seen our foodbank pantry continue to offer a much-needed service within our community. We have been able to offer a signpost service to our client base, helping with benefit checks, debt counselling services & school transport help. While it is difficult to see those in need it is a great joy to help offer support during these times.

Our community works well together, and we have seen this in action with the outpouring of support for the Ukrainian Appeal run by two local families. Our appreciation is offered to all those who helped.

Our other sub-groups have continued to work well during the past year. We had a very successful Christmas event with Santa and his team travelling around the village and delivering selection boxes and sweets to children. This style of Christmas Celebration seems to be the way ahead. I also had the pleasure of delivering Christmas dinners and gifts to our senior citizens alongside one human life size roast turkey. This caused much laughter and lots of joy to all involved. While giving us an opportunity to have once again those much-needed conversations and offer a listening ear. We also want to thank our Live Here Love Here

Litter Pickers who have helped keep the village clean and tidy. Your volunteering is greatly appreciated.

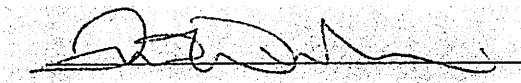
As the new financial year begins, we hope to continue lobbying on your behalf for a new play park while asking for better security at the existing one. We have also started the conversations with relevant bodies about additional social housing in the area. As the village grows in popularity, we continue to have people needing homes locally that are affordable. This unfortunately is a slow process, but we will do our very best to have local voices heard by the relevant authorities. We are primarily a development organisation, wishing to build a sense of community while maintaining our rural identity, but with the benefits and services that rate payers are due.

In ending my report, I wish to offer my deepest thanks to my vice chairperson, Mrs Margaret Knox who has been a great support and sounding board over my time as chairperson. Also, my deep appreciation to the whole KRCDA Management committee, Committee members and our wonderful volunteers. You are what makes this village a fantastic place to live. You do this without pay and with so much joy. It is encouraging to see and be a part of it together.

This report is offered by Andrew Dickson on behalf of KRCDA.

Andrew Dickson

Chairperson KRCDA

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Dickson', written over a horizontal line.