



## Chairman's Report 2018

The 6<sup>th</sup> Community Day was held on 9th June. Again, the weather was set fair for the day which brought many people to wander around the town visiting the Walled Garden, The Masters House, St Katherines Hall, The Burgage and The Community Hall. Other sites visited were the Bowling Club, Childrens Centre, Fire Station, Youth Drop-in Centre and The Homend Mall. Of special interest this year, partly because they were new to Ledbury's Community Day but mostly because of the interest to a wide audience, was Pony rides in the Walled Garden presented by Riding for the Disabled and virtual Helicopter rides in the Midland Air Ambulance POD

The Participants have recently been asked for feedback about the Community Day with early responses being fully supportive of the event and wishing it to run next year.

The Administration of Ledbury Community Day is managed by the Committee to make it as open to all the various groups, societies, agencies and local services that have an interest in Ledbury. The number of Participants this year was the same as last year at 80 but there are over 140 entries on our database. I will endeavour to garner support from those who have not yet Participated.

Funding for the event has been difficult this year because of the withdrawal by Heineken of the previous 5 years practice of getting the brochure printed. The brochure has this year been funded by private donations as an emergency measure. The Committee will be making applications to other agencies/companies in the hope of securing funds for 2019.

A full account of the Income & Expenditure is presented separately by our Treasurer.

The Committee is made up of a group of volunteers who believe in this idea of growing support within the locality for as many groups and disciplines as possible which makes the town of Ledbury more vibrant and engaging, but without the commercialising effects found with other events such as Festivals. However some finance is required and my thanks go to Ledbury Town Council for a grant of £300 and thanks for all the donations and gifts in kind recorded in the Treasurers Report.

The Participants who attend the event are the lifeblood of our community, many working as volunteers and I thank them all for making this Day so successful. I also wish to express my gratitude to the Committee and Volunteer Stewards for making the whole Day to be so successful and they are:

Treasurer: Griff Holliday

Secretary: Norman Stanier

Member: David Hewitt

Member: Nick Morris

Member: Clive Gunn

Typesetting: Betty-Ann Ambury

Stewards: Jane Gunn and family, Liz Harvey, Peter Hill, Colin Newey

Paul Kinnaird

Chairman of Ledbury Community Day Committee

5<sup>th</sup> September 2018