

## **Shropshire Parks & Gardens Trust**

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## **Letter from the Chair November 2021**

I simply can't tell you how much I have enjoyed getting back to something like normality this summer, and most particularly to meeting so many of you at our summer events. For those of you who were unable to get to them, you can get an idea of what you missed from the reports later in this Magazine. I am also pleased that we have been able to organise a full programme of lectures at the Wildlife Trust headquarters in Shrewsbury throughout this winter,



and that we will be able to have a proper AGM in March 2022 and not rely on Zoom. Much as I have been grateful to Zoom, it is not at all the same as meeting you in person!

Huge thanks are owed to Committee Members Liz Handley, our Secretary, and Harriet Devlin, in charge of our Research Programme, who stepped forward at short notice to organise this year's events on your behalf. Harriet has also organised our Winter Lecture Programme. They have been supported by the rest of the Committee, but they all have other jobs to do, and we urgently need more volunteers if we are to continue with our visits and lectures next year.

Ideally we would like a small Events Committee, with a Programme Coordinator to take overall charge, and volunteers to organise individual events. If you are interested in helping, you do not need to commit yourself to organising the full programme, but simply to take responsibility for organising an individual visit or talk for next year. Please give me a call if you would like to know more. The more people who can help, the less work there is for any one person to do. It is a lovely way to get to know other Trust members and owners of gardens in Shropshire, and you will have the added benefit of being able to bask in all our thanks.

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