**C.C.C. Chairman's Report 2020**

**2020 has been a strange year with the C19 pandemic which has seen myself and some Partnership members having to isolate for the last 14 weeks. I would like to thank all the Partnership members who kept going and helping others all the way through this difficult time. Due to the pandemic we had to temporarily close our drop-in sessions in March,** **but we will restart the weekly drop-in sessions at the Community Hall on Tuesdays and at The Meridale on Fridays as soon as it is safe to do so.  Anyone with a new idea or needing help with an existing project, can talk to us at any of these venues and we will be only too pleased to put these ideas and suggestions before the Partnership.** **So, what have we been doing this last 12 months? We planned and hosted an extremely successful Christmas event, where all attractions and activities were free for all the Community. We worked with Alford/Mablethorpe Rotary on their Christmas event too. The Community Gardens on Quebec Road have been extended to include a sensory shipwreck, boulder gardens, and a bulb garden in addition to the stunning wildflower garden. Special thanks to Kim & Val for all their hard work in the gardens throughout the year. Many thanks to Chris W for singlehandedly designing and producing our Chatback leaflet, which is delivered to every household in our area. We gave out grants of up to £200, £500 and £5000 to groups that applied and satisfied the criteria that had been previously established and communicated to all groups. All our grants and financial transactions are monitored by our Locally Trusted Organisation, Lincolnshire Community Foundation.** **At this point, I would like to wholeheartedly thank Sue Fortune from LCF for her steadfast support, invaluable input and all the work that she carries out on behalf of the CCC.**

**The C.C.C. are eternally grateful to our two flagship projects.... Paul Scott from Experience Enterprise Lincolnshire Limited and Andy Silvester & Amanda Wain from ELAP (East Lindsey Advice Project) for their continued dedication and hard work for the benefit of our local area. Paul, Andy & Amanda have proved invaluable throughout C19 and have been providing continuous help and advice to individuals and businesses alike.** **The CCC also appreciate the ongoing support from the Town Clerk Steve Fletcher, the Town Council, the Community Hall Committee and also the Meridale.**

**Finally, a huge thank you to Alister Shaw, our Big Local Rep, who has provided guidance and support over the past 4 years, which we truly appreciate.**

**John Gregory 29/06/2020**