



National Chrysanthemum Society Project 2020 – Re-organisation Update

29th August 2020

Dear Member,

We hope you will understand and appreciate that in this very difficult and unprecedented year, there being a delay to the production and posting of your Year Book. However, these unforeseen delays have provided us with opportunities to add progressive updates on changes emerging from our Project 2020 initiative. We are keen to do what we can to keep the membership informed of progress and hope you will understand how challenging this year has been for everyone.

We would like to assure you that we have been working hard and meeting regularly via Zoom to ensure we are focussed on doing the right things for the Society. Our administrative activities (Affiliations, Finance, Memberships & Sales) in particular were felt to need timely consolidation, the existing structure has served us well for more than a decade, but the Society is now much smaller and facing very different challenges. Over the past few weeks the Management Team have been working to ensure that we have the right Management Structure to meet the challenges we face over the coming decade and in particular realise the ambitions of Project 2020.

Amidst the Covid Crisis it has not been possible to hold AGM's or EGM's in person, but the Executive have been regularly involved in the progressive development and approval of a new structure (via Zoom) and on Thursday 27th August agreement was attained for the 2021 Management Team. An AGM will be convened as soon as it becomes viable to review and approve the necessary amendments to the Society Rule book.

We will commence the progressive transition of responsibilities immediately and need to be fully functioning before 1st January 2021 with the following Management Team -

- General Secretary (NB:- includes 2021 Membership) Barry Hogg
- Shows Manager Terry Porter
- Publications Manager Ken Dear
- Floral Manager Richard Watson
- Promotions Manager John Peace
- Business Development Manager Jim Vickerman

Both Dr Graham Barclay and Dr Dorothy Spencer, who both feature prominently on our Roll of Honour continue as members of the Executive, and we sincerely thank them for their hard work and contribution to the management of the Society over many years.