Steventon News - Report for Annual Parish Meeting 2021

We have a new email address - steventonnews@outlook.com

I'm proud to be able to report that Steventon News came out on time every month in the past year, thanks to the ingenuity and determination of the 60+ team of regular volunteers who edit, print, assemble and distribute over 1,000 copies each month. I would especially like to thank our core group - Martin Simpson Tame, Dilys Wilding, Adrian Ford, Betty Webb and Audrey Holloway. Special thanks too to Angela Einon and the Parish Council for posting on the village website, and the Binnings family for accommodating our machine and supplies.

During the first lockdown period we suspended hand deliveries to each home in the village to reduce risks to the delivery team and recipients. Instead we produced three "lockdown specials" with fewer pages, black and white only and no advertising that our wonderful friends at the Co-Op made available for people to collect with their essential shopping. We also began posting copies on the village website.

Our income was down over the year, but we have managed to make savings by an overall reduction in costs, including spending less on paper and reducing bad debts, and with a business support grant from the government, we have avoided making a financial loss in this exceptional year.

It was really gratifying to receive some lovely, positive feedback on how much Steventon News is valued by residents and we'd like to thank everyone who has contributed over this very different year to keep the pages full of interest and information.

Sue Rees

Secretary - Steventon News