

Changes to County Officers in West Mercia Region

Times constantly move onwards in The West Mercia Region!

Due to recommendations of good practice by RDA National Office we are sadly saying "Goodbye" to four of our five County Chairmen due to the fact that all of them have served their County for the recommended period of nine years - and in some cases significantly longer!

In Shropshire, Pat McGregor is making way for Carla Howarth who is already a Trustee of Rea Valley RDA Group.

In Worcestershire, Chris Fletcher is stepping down and her assistant Jeannie Bird will take over. Both of whom are well known in Worcestershire already.

In Staffordshire, Susie Guild is to be replaced by Fiona Round who is currently Chairman of Stafford & District RDA Group.

Finally in Warwickshire, Rosemary Stretch is being released after thirteen years service by not one but two Chairmen! Rosie Fetherston - Dilk and Anne Thornhill will be taking over from Rosemary.

I would like to say a big thank you to all outgoing Chairmen, from the Riders and Groups but especially from me. These Chairmen were all in place when I first started at Regional level of RDA and all helped me enormously! But I would also say thank you and welcome to the new Chairmen - I hope we all continue keep up the good work in the West Mercia Region - I'm sure we will with the help and advice of all past Chairmen.

Regarding other additions I am delighted to welcome Lizzie Hill who has kindly agreed to act as our Publicity Officer in the Region. This is a very important aspect of promoting RDA in The Region and she will be working closely with Sarah Edwards who is newly appointed as our webmaster (relieving a very over worked Anona White!!).

Any items for this web site should be directed in the first instance to Elizabeth@ardenrda.org.uk we welcome your input.

Wishing all supporters of West Mercia a very happy year, now that the weather appears to be a little more appealing to RDA activities!

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