

B.D.S. SHROPSHIRE

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Area Commissioner's Report

I hope that you and your family are safe and well.

Little did your Committee imagine when planning the programme for 2020 that such an horrendous worldwide pandemic would arise so quickly and create mayhem around the world. When the first lock down was announced it soon became clear that planned BDS events throughout the country would have to be cancelled for some time ahead. We had hoped that things would revert to normal sooner than turned out be the case. However in late summer and early autumn when the virus appeared to be declining we were fortunate to be able to reinstate the Eccleshall and Rodington drives as well as an additional drive which Avril Pluck kindly offered to host from her home at Cherrington. The Eccleshall drive was hosted by Felicity Stubbs and five turnouts took part on a sunny day following previous storms. Avril and her family made us very welcome and we enjoyed a nice drive with socially distanced refreshments afterwards. Both the Cherrington and Rodington drives were well attended and it was nice to see some members who may not have joined us had so many other events not been cancelled.

Boxing Day, New Year's Day and Annual Area Meeting.

The Committee had been discussing the feasibility of holding these events but with the second lockdown now in force and the possibility of tiered restrictions following on it has been decided that regretfully the Boxing Day and New Year's Day drives will not take place. At this stage the Annual Area Meeting which we usually hold in February will be postponed. Should the situation improve once we enter the Spring months and restrictions are lifted the Committee will then consider the possibility of holding the meeting at a later date than usual.

The Committee have continued to communicate with one another mainly by email and we are grateful to them for their dedication in these difficult times. Whilst the future of drives in 2021 is uncertain it was felt that dates should be published so that members are aware of them well in advance. With our usual social gatherings unable to take place for the foreseeable future may I offer all Shropshire members best wishes for the festive season and hopefully a happier new year when we can once again participate with our friends in the driving activities we all enjoy so much.

Philip Holder

Area Commissioner B.D.S. Shropshire

Easter Parade	5 th April
May Day	3 rd May
Shropshire Driving Days	24 th to 28 th July
The Citadel	11 th August
Acton Scott	22 nd August
Eccleshall	25 th August
Rodington	12 th September
Lake Vyrnwy	tbc
Boxing Day	26 th December