

**Ashbocking, Swilland and Witnesham Women's Institute**  
**Committee's Annual Review 2021**

Another year has flown by with COVID restrictions required until our July outing to Christchurch Mansion, in the company of Erica Burrows as a personal guide for the evening tour.

Goodie bags were distributed to members during lockdown helping us to keep in touch. For the creative ladies there was a bookmark to decorate, a card making kit and a vase of flowers to colour, seeds for the gardener word search for the brain, a recipe and a chocolate for all.

What a treat it was meeting at the village hall in August after such a long time away. Norma Howell was our first guest speaker telling about her passionate support for the work of medical assistance dogs.

Almost a full house attended in October to hear from Wendy Smith, a tennis umpire, about the very British rules and requirements of this select group. We heard about the Suffolk Punch Trust - and via Zoom, The River Gipping Trust, and Beach Combing, Coram charity for children and young people and Suffolk Hedgehog Rescue. We have to thank Nourye Trott and Rosemary Nicol for producing our programme of entertaining raconteurs.

We enjoyed walks to Tuddenham and around Levington Lagoon with the lure of open air coffee stops on the way of course!

Helping to compensate for not meeting regularly, our ladies have received three months without membership fees and £5 allowance on this year's subscription, also £10 gift voucher for Christmas 2020.

We enjoyed getting together with friends for a floral workshop in November and look forward to a full programme of events in 2022 including the festivities planned for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June.