

## **Jumble Trail Report for ASPRA AGM April 2020**

The 2019 Addiscombe Village Jumble Trail took place on Sunday 15 September, a gloriously sunny day.

For the second year running, three neighbouring residents' associations joined ASPRA for the event. These were HOME, CHASE and Black Horse. There were some 60 stallholders selling baby clothes, jewellery, handmade crafts, gifts and cards, bric-a-brac and lots of homemade cakes and drinks.

The £5 stall-holder fees boosted the Addiscombe Christmas Lights fund by £300 and a number of stallholders also raised funds for charities such as MIND and St Christopher's Hospice.

The event was supported by four local businesses. Streets Ahead supplied and erected advertising boards and printed the maps. LMB Lofts printed the leaflets, and both Addiscombe Security Centre and Dhiyan News received the booking forms and fees. Many local shops and businesses displayed Jumble Trail posters. In addition, local councillor Maddie Henson funded additional publicity materials from her community budget.

The Addiscombe Village Jumble Trail has now been running for four years. It has become a much loved and highly anticipated event, not only raising funds for the Christmas lights, but also encouraging a community spirit and a way for neighbours to get to know each other.

Following the event, the two organisers, Jenny and Lyn, announced that due to other commitments they would not be available to run the event in 2020. A request for someone, or a team of people, to organise the Jumble Trail was placed in the Autumn edition of the ASPRA magazine.

Councillor Maddie Henson put her name forward and an initial meeting was held with Jenny and Lyn to discuss the way ahead. Both Jenny and Lyn agreed to support Maddie and retain some activities. In view of Maddie's mayoral year starting in June, a date in May was proposed. All four local businesses previously involved had agreed to continue supporting the event.

Before the planning team had had a chance to announce the date and start promoting the event, the country was affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. Due to the resulting uncertainty about when social distancing measures will be lifted, together with the additional commitments associated with Maddie's forthcoming role as Mayor of Croydon, it has been decided to postpone the Jumble Trail until 2021.

In the meantime, if anyone wishes to offer support for next year's event, please email [secretary@aspra.uk](mailto:secretary@aspra.uk)