



RYEDALE DOG RESCUE

LOCAL DOGS - LOCAL VOLUNTEERS

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Well! All I can say is what a strange year so far. All our thoughts about getting out there and attending lots of events and generating new contacts have gone out of the window. What we have learnt is that we have other skills and a fantastic network of supporters out there and you have certainly rallied to the call. The main thing is for everyone to stay safe and keep a sense of humour.

We are aiming to put a little bit of information on our website about some of the key volunteers and that will appear soon, but in the meantime here is a brief summary about some of the gang you may come across:

Rosie Stephenson- also known as the mad dog lady. Rosie is chair of the trustees and dog co-ordinator. She is responsible for the day to day care of the dogs and deals with the enquiries regarding re-homing and the official aspects with the council and other third parties. Rosie can usually be found at the summer dog show near the ring and the dogs! She also twists all the arms for the annual auction.

Dave Fernley- also known as the Womble with the spreadsheets. Dave has been acting as treasurer since March 2020 and is finally getting to grips with the workings. Certainly moving forward he will be coming up with some ideas to make the role more streamlined. Dave is also aiming to update the website, so watch out for a bit of a makeover. Apart from sitting in front of his computer, Dave is key to our events often as compere at dog shows and always appearing at the pop up shop (even when he isn't on the rota).

Rebecca Saltmer-also known as Del Boy. Becca has come into her own with social media over the last few months. She joined the team at the pop up shop last year and hasn't stopped since. Since lockdown, Becca has set up the sponsor a kennel project and also, Mend Beryl's heart fund. Both running well and creating interest. We just want to get to the next stage with Beryl and make everything worthwhile. Not content with that, Becca has been running an online weekly dog show through Facebook and also selling anything she can get her hands on through local selling sites.

Wendy Baker- calls herself Junior Womble. Wendy is the linchpin to our supply of hand made dog beds. Her garage is normally full of donated duvets and bedding, not to mention boxes of our fun teddy game. Wendy is always at the pop up shop and coffee mornings and Mike, her husband keeps us straight with floats and banking.

Anne Punchard- another Womble. This Womble is so clever with crafty ideas and her baking is something else. During lockdown Anne has been making scrubs for the Ryedale Covid-19 group, but has still found time to bake for our 'stall on the wall' at Yedingham, make face masks for RDR volunteers and make up planters to sell online.



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Carol Crockatt- our newly appointed Grant Officer. Carol has only just joined the team and what a difference she has made. Carol starting by looking at where funding might be available in the form of grants and she has just kept plugging away with form filling and submitting applications. To date, her success rate is spot on. Most of us haven't met Carol in person yet, so that will be such a pleasure when we finally can say a proper hello.

Dianne Illingworth-another Womble and currently obsessive Gift Aid Officer. Normally involved at events and collecting donations, but due to lockdown Dianne has been spending time trying to secure extra funding by getting Gift Aid claims back on track. During pop up shop times she can normally be seen with a wheelbarrow around Malton re-stocking the shop.

That is a brief overview of some of the volunteers, hopefully we can expand on this as our newsletter develops. Just a word of explanation, we refer to ourselves as Wombles because we seem to be able to find a use for everything.

The main thing to remember is that it is good fun volunteering as part of the RDR team and no matter how much or how little time you have; we can always find you a job.

It's true to say that **T**ogether **E**veryone **A**chieves **M**ore.