



CHAIR REPORT

AGM 2019/2020

Due to the ongoing COVID19 pandemic we, like everybody else, have struggled to raise funds to keep supporting our homing kennels. The future was uncertain; however we continued to do everything we could to help find homes for Crayford's ex-racers.

I would like to thank on behalf of our charity the support of Crayford Stadium and Ladbrokes Coral, as without their support we would not have achieved the continuing successes we have to date. Their financial contribution and commitment is not taken for granted.

We continue to have a robust presence on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram and followers are slowly increasing. We also have built a steady following on our FOCRGLinkedIn page. This all goes to providing us with a continuing presence in the Social Media world.

The year has been a difficult one, with no opportunities to raise funds or our profile at the stadium. With the Greyhound Industry having a torrid time, the circle of greyhounds racing through to retirement was almost at a standstill. With the consent assistance from trainers at Crayford and the homing kennels, there was a steady flow of dogs in the system. Keeping the homing process ticking over.

With the introduction of the GRS scheme from the GBGB, we can report that one of our homing kennels - Clarkes Farm, successfully homed the most dogs using the scheme upto the end of of the year, and are continuing that success into 2021.

With what was a difficult year, we can report a good story to end with. Hoping that the situation within the industry gets back to some normality and the continuing progress of the GRS homing scheme organised by the GBGB proves to build on its initial success.

Here's looking forward to a prosperous and brighter future.

Richard Illingworth