



Chair's report – MFGWP AGM - 11 November 2020

This year we are having to see you on Zoom
I'd much rather look at you all in the room
It's been a tough year, for us and for you
We had to think carefully about what we could do

Last year it was tough with the cash flow, it's clear
The team stepped up well and we ended the year
With a surplus, thanks to considerable endeavours
Which helped keep us going, thanks to all – you're so clever

But who could imagine how the year would inspire us?
We had to close promptly because of the virus
We turned the plot over to full food production
Working our way through mad government instructions

We worked with the Bevy and helped with the schools
We kept in touch with you all, and followed the rules
We set up a YouTube and shared all our updates
You sent us your news, but sadly no cupcakes

As the summer wore on, we were able to open
Just evenings at first, with whoever we could rope-in
To water the garden, drink tea and have chats
That went down quite well – we were all missing that

I'm so proud of the way everyone has adapted
You've been so resilient - and kind and attractive
Thanks to the team – Carly, Jo and Daisy
And Warren and Pat – you are all amazing

The trustees kept going, supporting the plans
With regular meetings to all lend a hand
Ross, Mick and Rachel, Duncan, Julie too
I don't know whatever we'd do without you

Thanks to the funders, donators, supporters
Helping us manage things through stormy waters
And of course, I will say thanks to all volunteers
Hope there'll be curry/karaoke next year

The garden is playing a true starring role
We don't take for granted all your goodwill
Thank you to everyone for coming tonight
Thanks to you all, the garden's future is bright