

AGM Report from SE Centre Safety Fast Scribes and Newsletter production

We became first involved in May 19 as scribes for the SE Centre notes in Safety Fast and subsequently we undertook the production of the SE Newsletter from Summer 19.

2020 has seen many challenges as we are all aware but despite this and with a great deal of help from contributors we have been able to maintain the information flow to members across the SE Centre.

Safety Fast continues to be the main contact point for our members so we have continued to highlight the calendar of events where possible and communicate to members via the reports and images of the events. Hopefully this will encourage members to become involved in the activities of the Centre. We are also delighted that the SE Centre Autumn Meeting / Leonardslee Report was featured in Safety Fast on a double page spread!

The Newsletter has grown in strength with 4 this year (two in 2019) and the new format has been well received. The October issue had a circulation of 1144 and we have been helped by webmaster Ben Hill (2019) and in 2020 Mick Breare to circulate the Newsletter. Contributions and photos from Natters, Wanderers, individual members and articles on events have enabled us to make the content as interesting as possible. It would be good to see many more members contributions in the future. Other complimentary media channels especially Social Media and the SE Centre website have also promoted the Newsletter helping us to achieve higher levels of circulation via email download and re-enforcing event messaging to members.

We are both committed to continue this work in 2021 hopefully with far greater event content to keep driving the interest. With regard to Wanderers events these are already heavily subscribed which is causing logistical and catering challenges which could limit numbers thereby possibly requiring additional events to be organised. In 2021, once we are all allowed and members feel safe, we hope to put more focus on Natters to increase member participation at these important meetings.

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