



**BORDER TERRIER WELFARE
DATABASE MANAGER'S REPORT
AGM 8 November 2020**

This is the 10th year of this Excel database as a general management tool for BTW. It forms a general record of BTW activity for both Border Terriers handled and aspirant adopters, and records which Border Terriers have been rehomed to whom. It is available in realtime over the internet for all BTW reps and the Committee to both scan and enter data by means of the DropBox app.

However, for a variety of reasons the DropBox system has not proved quite as universally accessible as hoped for and both our new Committee admin appointee Roger Newson and myself find ourselves putting in many hours of background maintenance to keep the database up-to-date.

Fortunately another new Committee appointee in the form of Paula Byers in her role as IT expert has several new ideas to up the database scope and on-line usability that are being trialled.

Since the 2019 AGM the database has recorded that some 120 Borders have come into the BTW system and been rehomed, (fewer than usual) but astonishingly some 514 aspirant adopters have put themselves forward in the same time frame. (vastly more than usual.) This unprecedented imbalance seems due entirely to the pandemic lockdown, the figures to date from May are 102 Borders we have handled and 482 aspirant adopters – and this doesn't include Pete Appleby's 120 aspirant adopters or Joyce Rhodes 80 plus ones that have not yet found their way onto the database.

We may well have to introduce some form of prioritising onto the database to handle the imbalance.

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