

# INTERPLAST UK

*Registered Charity No 328688*

## **Chairperson's report 2020**

As you will appreciate, this has been a very unpredictable year.

Since the last AGM, things have changed dramatically, the whole world has been in turmoil with the Covid-19 pandemic and it has not been possible to conduct any missions up to the present time.

In Autumn 2019, there were two missions. There was a mission to Islamabad, Pakistan from 31<sup>st</sup> August to 13<sup>th</sup> September 2019 and also a mission to Kumi, Uganda from 17<sup>th</sup> October to 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019. On the first mission, 341 patients were screened and 60 operations completed. On the second mission, 63 patients were screened and 38 operations completed.

Contacts in both Pakistan and Kumi are hoping that we might be able to have missions there in 2021, with more than 500 patients waiting in Pakistan.

In January 2019, we were very pleased to be informed that St Mary's Cathedral had again chosen Interplast UK as one of three charities to benefit from the Ten Pence Bowl collection for 2019. By the end of 2019, they donated £1553.50, £1941.87 including Gift Aid. We are very appreciative of this generous contribution and their ongoing support. We are also very grateful for the many anonymous donations, which have been received during the year.

I would also like to thank all our trustees, volunteers, donors and supporters for their ongoing contributions in so many different ways.

Although there have been no missions since 2019, things have been going on behind the scenes. I would like to thank Guan Lim for taking responsibility for finance issues, including setting up a new donations platform and organising Gift Aid and also preparing the Annual Return.

Louise Newman has been writing her excellent reports from Islamabad and Kumi and the first one is now available on the new website. She is also taking responsibility, together with Mr Viva, for organising volunteers for future missions.

We now have a new website, which has been organised by Kelvyn Skee. He is a great supporter of the charity and we thank him for his hard work.

We are very pleased to welcome back Philip Robinson on to the board of trustees.

And finally, I wish to thank Mr Charles Viva, the founder of Interplast UK. For over three decades he has worked tirelessly for the charity, transforming the lives thousands of people. Without his vision, commitment and compassion and his medical expertise, this charity would not have existed. We thank you for your love, inspiration and encouragement to us all.

Celine Alexander-Brown

Chairperson

29<sup>th</sup> October 2020