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## MESSAGE FROM THE FEDERATION.

Hi Folks,

Just keeping in touch in these still troubled times and hope that this message finds you all well and keeping safe.

Unfortunately, due to the continuation of the pandemic activities have been few and far between so there is not a lot to report, however, we do believe it is good to keep in touch.

### FEDERATION TRIPS DOWN MEMORY LANE:

In the interests of maintaining communication we have looked back into our archives and have been mailing members on a weekly basis with reviews of trips we made over the past decade or so. In doing so we realised, and were pleasantly reminded, just how much we had organised and achieved over those years. On reflection we think it was truly astonishing.

Our journeys took us to Europe, north Wales, the lowlands of Scotland and many parts of England including, Yorkshire, Devon & Cornwall, East Midlands, South Cotswolds, the Heart of England, Northumbria and, of course, we had planned to visit the South East of England this year.

On the island of Ireland our North/South Joint exchange visits between the Federation of Local History Societies and the Federation for Ulster Local Studies took us to many places of interest, both north and south of the border, in a unique journey of sharing and co-operation that will never be forgotten.

We hope that sharing these with you has been both interesting and enjoyable and will help to keep us focused on what was possible and what we hopefully can do in the future.

### FEDERATION JOURNAL:

Fortunately we will be able to publish our Federation Journal this year in spite of the

current pandemic. This is great news as the Journal is central to communication with our membership. Work has already started on the Journal and progress is good, however we would still welcome material in the form of history articles and/or society news.

Basic guidelines are: Articles – 4,000 words max in Microsoft Word format accompanied by photos in jpeg, uncompressed format; Society news – a short report on any activity would be welcome if at all possible.

Information should be sent to Larry Breen, 8 The Paddocks, Naas, Co Kildare, e-mail [larrybreen8@outlook.com](mailto:larrybreen8@outlook.com).

The committee are endeavouring to keep in touch, we have had one Zoom meeting which was successful and we plan in the current circumstances to follow up with further such meetings. It might be something you could look at for yourselves and our Chairperson, Pdraig Laffan, who has experience in this area would be available to help. Contact details available from Larry Breen.

### FUTURE EVENTS:

Unfortunately it looks like we will not be able to resume any group activity until the New Year but look forward to returning to some sort of normality as soon as possible,

Included are images of some of our trips which you might find interesting.

Stay safe and take care, Larry



*In case you have forgotten what I look like.*



