

THANK YOU, HELEN.

My association with Watford Writers started in 2019 when Helen kindly invited myself and Louise to Oddfellows Hall for a Watford Writers' evening in the company of special guest Oliver Phillips, formerly of the *Watford Observer*. I joined Watford Writers officially a few weeks later. Helen provided every encouragement to me to present my writing to the group and participate in activities.

I believe Watford Writers really came into its own during the lockdown, when circumstances meant that we had to move our weekly meetings to Zoom. The support that we were all able to give each other was, in short, welcomed. Not only did the group thrive, but developed a collective strength and loyalty, with Helen at the helm.

There is no doubt as to Helen's guidance and contacts that have helped me, and indeed Watford Writers over the years, particularly within the town in a wider sphere, and to that Helen deserves my and our most grateful thanks. Helen has placed Watford Writers alongside Watford's other cultural creatives, and I am sure this championing will of course, continue.

I would like to just say, thank you Helen.

Ian Welland

From Louise:

I have enjoyed writing for many years, but joining Watford Writers has encouraged me to write on a more regular basis.

I enjoy the prompts, they get my brain box ticking looking for new ideas.

Being a member (and having the occasional place in the competitions) has also boosted my confidence, and encouraged me to keep on trying. The workshops also get me to look at topics from a new perspective, which also stretches my imagination.

I am grateful to Helen for leading the group, and for being so inspiring and supportive. Her commitment to Watford Writers was unwavering.

Thank You Helen.
Louise