



Volunteers Newsletter

July 2019

Summer's here so it's time for another newsletter!

Read on for updates and news on:

- discussions and decisions from our June Trustees meeting
- Our Buildings Project update
- Links with Bampton School

TRUSTEES MEETING 25 June

- There was a short discussion on the volunteer rota system, and how difficult it is to fill rota slots in advance. Alison and Liz are looking more closely at our visitor numbers and patterns to find out as much as we can about the times of days and days of the week that we get most visitors. This should help us to consider whether or not we need to change or adjust our seasonal opening hours. **Any thoughts you have are, of course, welcome email Alison or Liz**
- Our stall at the Bampton Spring Fair was the first opportunity to use the new Packhorse Way game created by Wendy Mills, with the invaluable support of two local artists – Catherine Stott and Gill Erskine-Hill. The game is a version of snakes and ladders and proved very popular with our younger visitors. People enjoyed the quiz tour of the Motte also devised a few years ago by Wendy. The Packhorse Way game was also available for families who were watching the Teddy Bear parachute adventure on Bank Holiday Monday.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NEXT VOLUNTEERS EVENING

Monday 26 August

Updates and social get together - cheese and wine 7.00pm

FUND RAISING QUIZ NIGHT

7pm FRIDAY 27th SEPTEMBER.

Two course supper (chef Julia Mayer) with quiz - further details to follow....

BAMPTON CHARTER FAIR

Thursday 27th OCTOBER

TOWN TRAIL DATES

All trails start at 11.00am at the Church
Sat 13th July
Sat 17th August
Sat 21st September
Sat 12th October

If you would like to go on a town trail or know friends who might, please sign them up in the town trail sheet in the Volunteers Log Book in the Centre or contact Wendy B on 331219. If you would like to volunteer to be a back stop on a trail contact Wendy or sign up on the trail rota slot

Visits from interested groups

We will be hosting a visit on 11th July from a group called Tangent - 24 ladies from Minehead. They have booked a visit with us, coffee at The Bridge and lunch at The Ginger Peanut. This really does show that we help bring visitors to town and help the income of local businesses.

BHVC TRUSTEES: Chair: Katrina Munro; Sec: Judi Thomas; Treasurer: Rachel Macdonald
Wendy Boothroyd; Ken Mills; Liz Redfern

OUR BUILDINGS PROJECT

Latest update....latest update....latest update....latest update....

Our Buildings Project is moving on quickly. The draft texts for our mobile interpretation boards are ready for proof-reading. The living memories recorded and collected from local residents are complete. Look out for further information about the launch of the new boards and the outcome of the project which we will be able to confirm shortly.

Thanks to everyone involved.

Working with Bampton Primary School

The Primary School has been involved in two activities relating to their summer term of Best of Bampton and Our Buildings Project. The first was a visit to church where they visited 4 separate workstations, with volunteers talking about schooling, the railway, local geology and photos of buildings as they were in the past. The second activity was a town trail specially designed for children to look at key aspects of the town past and present. We had great feedback from the children and adults who accompanied them. Wendy and Judi are working on a family town trail as our new children's activity. **Like to get involved? Email Judi**

Marketing and visitor information

We have increased our public profile in a number of ways over the past year but is it worth the investment?

We advertise BHVC on the town website, through our Facebook page, word of mouth and with posters and newspaper and media articles about specific events.

This year we set a marketing budget and used this to participate in a new Mid Devon wide initiative created and managed by the Tiverton Tourist Information Service. We now feature in a new high-quality visitor information leaflet which will be widely distributed across the district and wider Devon and on the new Visit Mid Devon website. We are keen to find out if this benefits our visitor numbers.

Can you please help us find out from where visitors heard about us? We have tried this in the past with some success. We will reinstate a column in the visitor comments book as a reminder.

Whether or not visitors write in the comments book, please ask everyone where they heard about us and put record the responses in the volunteer log on every shift.

Bampton Street map

We know that some visitors, especially those who are thinking of moving here, ask if we have a more detailed street map of Bampton.

Whilst there is a main town area layout in the Town Trail leaflet, we are investigating the possibility and practicalities of providing a simple street map of the whole town free to visitors. We'll let you know when it's available.

Price adjustments

Rachel (as the new treasurer) is looking at how we can simplify the pricing of sale goods, to make it easier for everyone involved.