

Agenda Item No: 5

Report to: Museums Committee

Date of Meeting: 20 June 2011

Report Title: Curator's Report

Report By: Cathy Walling
Museum Curator

Purpose of Report

to provide an update on issues from previous meetings and confirmation of Curator's actions

Recommendation(s)

1. the report is for noting

Reasons for Recommendations

Introduction

This report updates members on matters carried over from previous meetings and other items not included on the agenda.

1. Permission has been given for the following reproduction of illustrations from the Museum collection.

- Penguin Books for image of Robert Tressell for series of postcards of modern writers.
- Judges Postcards for images of Hastings Pier.
- Print of Priory Bridge for local history article by Christine Hayward (publishing details to be confirmed)

2. A special display of work by Laetitia Yhap to mark her 70th birthday has been added to the 'Coastal Landscapes' in the Long Gallery. This includes 4 pencil sketches on loan from the artist.

3. A meeting took place on 16 May between representatives from museums in Hastings and Rother. Among the items discussed was the work of the Archaeological Working Party on archaeological collecting areas. It was agreed that representatives from Rye and Winchelsea will visit Hastings to look at the archaeology in store. This issue is still being discussed on a county and area scale.

4. There have been two auction lots of interest at Bonhams recently. The curator will provide a verbal report.

Wards Affected

Ashdown, Baird, Braybrooke, Castle, Central St. Leonards, Conquest, Gensing, Hollington, Maze Hill, Old Hastings, Ore, Silverhill, St. Helens, Tressell, West St. Leonards, Wishing Tree

Area(s) Affected

Central Hastings, East Hastings, North St. Leonards, South St. Leonards

Policy Implications

Please identify if this report contains any implications for the following:

Equalities and Community Cohesiveness Yes

Crime and Fear of Crime (Section 17)	No
Risk Management	No
Environmental Issues	No
Economic/Financial Implications	Yes
Human Rights Act	No
Organisational Consequences	Yes

Background Information

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