

Agenda Item No: 5

Report to: Museums Committee

Date of Meeting: 12 September 2011

Report Title: Curator's Report

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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. The BBC have filmed a 5-minute segment in the Museum's Baird Gallery to be included in a Celebrity Antiques Road Trip to be shown as part of Children in Need later this year.
2. The Museum has succeeded in an application for a Renaissance-funded grant to be involved in a Sustainable Volunteering Project. The company who will be delivering the project are Local Economy Solutions Ltd in collaboration with Dare to Change and Stepping up Training. They have professional experience in working with 3rd sector organisations and have independently reviewed Volunteer England toolkits/checklists, as well as previously working with a number of museums and being assessors for Volunteer England standards. The Museum will produce a Volunteer Management Policy and receive advice on recruitment and retention of suitable volunteers.
3. English Heritage are compiling a database of all known commemorative plaque schemes in England which they propose to publish on their website later this year. They hope that this will raise awareness of different schemes, share information about key stages such as carrying out historical research and sourcing a manufacturer, and also strengthen the dialogue between all those engaged in plaque projects, both large and small. Hastings Museum has been asked to participate.
4. East Sussex Record Office has asked Hastings Museum to host an Interreg-funded exhibition in the autumn of 2013. If the bid is successful, this would probably be on a seaside-related theme with associated educational and family events.

Wards Affected

None

Area(s) Affected

None

Policy Implications

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

Equalities and Community Cohesiveness	No
Crime and Fear of Crime (Section 17)	No
Risk Management	Yes
Environmental Issues	No

Economic/Financial Implications	Yes
Human Rights Act	No
Organisational Consequences	Yes

Background Information

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