

**Agenda Item No:** 5

**Report to:** Museums Committee

**Date of Meeting:** 16 September 2013

**Report Title:** Curator's Report

**Report By:** Cathy Walling  
Museum Curator

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### **Purpose of Report**

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

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### **Recommendation(s)**

- 1. that the Committee accepts the report**

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### **Reasons for Recommendations**

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## Introduction

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

1. Permission was given to the Fishermen's Museum to reproduce 57 George Woods photographs for exhibition. The display will be up for a year, and the Museum will also produce a calendar based of selected images.
2. Hastings Museum and Art Gallery appeared in the following television programmes.
  - A look at the legacy of the Hastings Rarities on BBC One's The One Show.
  - The 125th anniversary of John Logie Baird's birth on Meridian News.
  - A quiz show 'Pa Sparet' (On the Right Track) for Sveriges Television AB, the Swedish public service television company. This travelling-based quiz has been produced in Sweden for 25 years and attracts ratings of 25%.
3. Permission was given for the wholesale import of data currently in A2A (Access to Archives) to a new Discovery platform, incorporating data from the National Register of Archives and ARCHON. This new service will combine archive catalogue data with increased functionality. The Museum will in future be able to upload, edit and maintain data directly and use Discovery as an online showcase of resources if we so choose.
4. The printed Heritage Trails are now available at both Museum sites and in the TIC, and proving to be very popular. They are also available via the museum website and the Famously Hastings website. It is anticipated that this will be the only way to access them when printed copies run out.
5. April 2014 sees the centenary of the publication of 'The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists'. A celebration is planned in the town and consideration will be given to the Museum hosting an event.

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## Wards Affected

None

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## Area(s) Affected

None

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## Policy Implications

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

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| Equalities and Community Cohesiveness | No |
| Crime and Fear of Crime (Section 17)  | No |
| Risk Management                       | No |
| Environmental Issues                  | No |
| Economic/Financial Implications       | No |
| Human Rights Act                      | No |
| Organisational Consequences           | No |
| Local People's Views                  | No |

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## Background Information

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