

**Agenda Item No:** 5

**Report to:** Museums Committee

**Date of Meeting:** 18 June 2012

**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. the report is for noting

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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. The plaque to Sidney Little is in position at the eastern end approach to Bottle Alley. The plaque to Alan Turing will be officially unveiled on 23 June, the 100th anniversary of Turing's birth.

2. At the Old Town Hall Museum, the displays on the upper floor have been completed. The Museum Association were the first to be taken around the Museum. The retail consultant has made one visit and written a preliminary report. A meeting of the Old Town Museum group will take place in September.

3. At John's Place, the Plains Indian Gallery redisplay will be completed by the end of June. This project has been funded by World Stories South East, a programme led by the Arts Council England in partnership with the London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games. A group of young people have worked with the Museum to redisplay the Native American material.

4. A 3D scan of the Durbar Hall was recently made by RPS Group, which will preserve an exact record of the intricate woodwork of the structure. It will also allow for a 'fly-through' to be used on the website. The RPS Group are using this scan to enter an Innovations Award at the Leica Geosystems Symposium at Blenheim Palace in July. Leica also wish to use the project in their own marketing and publicity.

5. Permission has been given for the following reproductions etc of images from the Museum collection.

- The painting of William Phillips, Mayor of Rye, currently on loan to Lamb House, will be reproduced for the Public Catalogue Foundation project.
- A birds-eye view of St Leonards on Sea from 1837 will be reproduced in Yale University Press' forthcoming reprint of Pevsner's Guide to Sussex.
- The portrait of Decimus Burton will be reproduced in English Heritage's 'Heritage Today' magazine.
- A watercolour of a smuggler will be reproduced by Vine Magazine, Sevenoaks.

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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:

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
Local People's Views	No

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**Background Information**

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