

Report to: Museums Committee

Date of Meeting: 11 September 2017

Report Title: Curator's Report

Report By: Cathy Walling
Museum Curator

Purpose of Report

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

Recommendation(s)

- 1. That the Committee accepts the report and are satisfied with the comments in the report**

Reasons for Recommendations

Curator's Update

1. 125th Anniversary

The Museum's 125th birthday event took place on 16 August and was attended by over 1000 people. The event was reported in advance by Radio Sussex and by the Hastings Observer. Photographs of the event have been shared widely on social media, and many messages of congratulations were received. Thanks are due to everyone who helped make it such a success, especially members of the Museum Association.

2. Stonework repairs

The second phase of stonework repairs on the Johns Place building will take place this autumn. This will mainly concern the south elevation balcony and associated doors and windows together with any of the rear window surrounds that require attention. Dates will be planned that do not conflict with weddings or other events.

3. Application for FLAG funding

The Museum has put in an expression of interest form for funding from the Hastings Fisheries Local Action Group. The project, provisionally entitled 'The Hastings Fleet: Past, Present and Future', follows on from the UNESCO ICH project earlier this year. Activities include: establishing an oral history archive, undertaking collections review of relevant material at the museum, using photography as a record of change. All project activity will be shared through an exhibition, and programme of events.

4. National Security Adviser

The Museum arranged for a visit from the National Security Adviser at Arts Council England, who is responsible for assessing security risks to national collections and loans under the terms of the UK Government Indemnity Scheme. We are awaiting his report.

5. Coffee Machine

The Museum will be taking an easyCoffee vending machine to be placed in the café area of the lower walkway for a trial period of three months. There is no upfront cost, rental or charge for supplies. This will free both space and time in the shop area.

Wards 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	No
Environmental Issues	No
Economic/Financial Implications	No
Human Rights Act	No
Organisational Consequences	No
Local People's Views	No
Anti-Poverty	No

Additional Information

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