

SURREY HEATH MUSEUM ACTION GROUP

Meeting Monday 6th November 2017 in St Michael's Church Hall

Present: Bernard Baverstock, Sylvia Cole, Tony Cowell, Geoff Cox, Sharon Cross, Reg Davis, Mike Hillman [Chairman], Phil Stevens

Apologies: Malcolm Bowdery, John Case, Jess Cochrane, Albert Coles, Christine Craig, June Davis, Carole Head, Clare Nobbs, Cyril Pavey, Katrina Slocombe, John Williamson

1. Minutes of Meeting on Monday 25th September 2017 were approved.

2. There were no matters arising.

3. Treasurer's Report for the period 25.09.17 to 06.11.17

Bank balance at 25.09.17	2,504.00
Income:	
Gallery sales (inc 2 nd hand books £50.25)	289.45
Desk Donations	<u>24.90</u>
Sub total	314.35
Expenditure:	
SH Museum books	11.95
Artists' work	<u>31.95</u>
Sub total	43.90
Income less Expenditure	<u>270.45</u>
Balance as per Bank Statement at 06.11.17	2,774.45
Less unrepresented cheques of £162.00	2,612.45
Plus Cash in till float	30.00

It was agreed that £1,148 could be allocated to the Museum for the St George's stones.

4. Gallery Report:

Visitor figures have mainly been 100+ per week. We should entertain our 30,000 visitor at 31 / 33 The Mall / Square in December. At the end of September 40 Bramshill cubs and scouts came on 2 successive evenings to help earn their badges. There are some new volunteers, including one 17 year old. Talks on Thursdays have boosted attendances. We are booked up into next term and have been successful in persuading new speakers.

Museum displays have been dismantled with the intention that we will only advertise Surrey Heath Museum and Heritage Services up the road. The glass cabinet is intended to move up there as soon as possible. The Museum Survey is being pushed. 92% of respondents already knew of the Museum's existence!

The new calendar is on sale and is going well with very favourable comments. More copies have already been ordered.

The surprise announcement is that volunteers will be able to nip out of the back door for a spot of ice-skating in December. There will be a warning on the door about the dangers of falling – some of us can even fall going upstairs!

The Museum was represented at the West Surrey Family History Society's Fair in Woking and £25 of Museum books were sold.

- 5. Museum Report:** The next Museum Discussion Group will meet on Friday 17th November. It is strongly felt that phone calls for the Museum should not go through Surrey Heath Contact Centre. Accommodation could advantageously be expanded, if the Museum was relocated to the ground floor of Surrey Heath House. Display areas are necessary to show the Museum's Collections and can be supported by local societies. Collections policy should be implemented by the curator.
- 6. AOB** – Sharon reminded members that the 30th AGM of the Friends of Surrey Heath Museum will be held on Thursday 23rd November at 7.30pm in High Cross Church. The Friends will continue to maintain their membership list next year, but will not be able to arrange events and so will not charge a fee.
- 7. Next Meeting** Monday 29 January 2018 in St Michael's Church Hall at 2pm.