

Notes of the 1st meeting of Bawtry and Austerfield Heritage Group held on 7 September 2016

5 groups were represented at the meeting and a number of apologies received due to other meetings taking place and holidays.

Issues raised

Publicity

There are many events taking place but residents say that they didn't realise that something was happening

There isn't a central location (either web based or paper) for residents/visitors to find out what is going on both as one off events or regular clubs and groups

Heritage

We have fantastic heritage but unlike similar towns, celebrating it has been somewhat neglected over the years and visitors to the town are often seen wandering but there is an absence of information boards/leaflets that are readily available

Compared to Bassetlaw, Doncaster hasn't done very much to celebrate the Mayflower 400 celebrations

Heritage walks have taken place but some weren't well attended

Community Spirit

We have many fantastic community groups and venues but it was felt that we do need to do more for young people to enable them to have pride in the Town and shop at local shops and cafes

Could businesses do more to encourage young people to spend their money in local eateries?

To address these problems the following was agreed:

In this year, we would keep things simple and easy to achieve with a view to building on these events and putting in a Heritage Lottery Fund bid for 2017 to include information/interpretation boards/apps and a heritage week/weekend

Action	Responsibility	Timescale
Produce community calendar of events including business events, distributed quarterly with Bawtry Today	Rachael to contact groups re forthcoming events Rachael to meet with Alan Claypole to discuss design for a calendar	Before 5 October meeting
Produce a children's heritage trail	Margaret, Derek and Janice to meet with heritage walk organisers to produce a children friendly leaflet	Before 5 October meeting

Have a heritage evening in Bawtry with music	Sandy to find out availability of New Hall around Thanksgiving Sandy to contact Gainsborough New Hall to ascertain costs of actors Janice to speak to the Theatre about	Before 5 October meeting
Organise a children's heritage trail with lanterns that children had made	Please see note below	

NB – Meetings since the meeting

Due to there being no reps from Austerfield at the meeting, Rachael was invited to attend a meeting of Austerfield Study Centre. They are keen to be involved in the weekend and would be happy to host a children's activity trail on the Sunday starting at 3pm, with lantern making taking place followed by a heritage walk which will finish at the church. Everyone will then be invited back to the Centre for a hog roast and seasonal fayre.

Date and Time of Next meeting

Wednesday 5 October at 7pm at Bawtry Community Library

**BAWTRY AND AUSTERFIELD HERITAGE MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5 OCTOBER AT 7PM
AT BAWTRY LIBRARY**

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Updates from last meeting
 - A) Bawtry Children's Heritage Trail
 - B) Bawtry Saturday evening family event
 - C) Sunday Austerfield Trail
 - D) Calendar

3. Update from Mayflower 400 and Notts activities
4. Funding
5. Future Heritage Lottery Funding application
6. Publicity
7. Date of next meeting