

Notes of the Bawtry and Austerfield Heritage Meeting held on Monday 2 March 2020

Present:

Rachael Blake; David Kirkham; Peter Holland; John Linsley; Stewart Cresswell; Sandy Young; Tony Jones; Alan Claypole and John Hall

Apologies were received from Margaret and Derek and our best wishes were sent to both of them.

2 items were on the agenda

1. Heritage Trail Lectern
2. Visitor/Heritage Centre and toilets

1. Heritage Trail Lectern

Alan updated the group that the lectern was due to be completed and leave the workshop on 12 March. North Notts would then be installing the lectern at the agreed location.

Everyone thanked Alan and his team for all the work they had done on producing the trail for the lectern. Actions agreed:

- Draft press release to be produced ready for lectern to be installed and contact Doncaster Free Press for a photo with the group at the lectern – Rachael
- Posters to be produced advertising the trail – Rachael & displayed around the town - all
- Mayflower school to be contacted letting them know about the trail - Rachael
- Article in Bawtry Today to be produced – Rachael

2. Visitor/Heritage Centre and toilets

David updated us on the current position and expressed concern that we did not have enough Trustees and people to get involved in the work; we do not have enough people to write bids; renovate the property and volunteer in the centre once it is opened. Following a lengthy discussion the following was agreed:

- Stewart, Sandy, Peter, David, Tony John (+ friend Len), David and Rachael would be trustees – all signed the forms and David would complete the registration process before going on holiday on Sunday
- Rachael to ask Marcus (DMBC) for the keys for the toilets
- John would produce the press release (everyone already seen) and request for people to get involved
- John to circulate press release to Free Press (George Torr); Retford Times (Don Gill) and BTC, BRG and Visit Bawtry social media and contact Paula for inclusion in Bawtry Today and put John as the contact for people wanting to get involved
- Once the keys are in our possession, John will liaise with the architect/Ross to visit the toilets and get a costed estimate for the work which is necessary for bids to start to be written (Tony to be invited as well due to not being able to attend the visit)
- David to inform Marcus of progress
- John to liaise with Marcus in David's absence and obtain free legal advice offered by Jones and Co regarding the Head of Terms for the lease
- Rachael to research Changing Places funding and other grants

Date and Time of next Meeting: Monday 23rd March at 19.15 at Bawtry Community Library

DRAFT PRESS RELEASE - BAWTRY'S BEST KEPT SECRET REVEALED!

Ask anyone in Doncaster to tell you what Bawtry has to offer and **PLEASE INSERT** years of heritage and **PLEASE INSERT 2 GOOD EXAMPLES** wouldn't be the first things that people talk about. In **XX PLEASE INSERT, DID YOU KNOWxxxxxx**.

But this is all set to change when Bawtry's heritage trail map is installed on Market Hill and a heritage trail leaflet is available from shops, the Crown Hotel and Bawtry Community Library. Since 2016, a group of interested residents have been meeting as Bawtry Heritage Group and this year will see the heritage trail map installed and work starting on a visitor/heritage centre when the old toilet block is renovated. Organised walks around the town are being planned along with heritage days throughout 2020. The group received a grant from Bawtry Town Council to fund the lectern and the group are currently applying for more grants to continue their work to put Bawtry on the heritage map for South Yorkshire.

The Heritage group is a great example of how everyone and many different groups in Bawtry are working together to make the Town a great place to live and visit. Stewart Cresswell a member of the group has connections with the Town going back to xxxx when he was xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.

Stewart said

The Group welcomes new members and there are lots of different ways you can get involved including leading heritage tours of the town; organising events; renovating the old toilet block and once the heritage centre is completed, volunteering in the centre. For more information please contact Cllr Rachael Blake who is Chair of the Group on 07976896563