

## **Bawtry Heritage Group**

### **Notes of meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

#### **1 Present/Apologies**

Present – Mick Maguire, John Linsley, Kevin Gilfedder, Rupert Atkinson, David Kirkham, Mike White, Peter Holland

#### **2 Matters arising from 8<sup>th</sup> October meeting**

**Bawtry Men killed in WW1** – now on website.

**Bawtry Festival 2025** – a Sheffield University archaeology professor will be delivering a presentation at BCL. We have proposed he talk about Bawtry's Roman past. Agreed we would make our presentation at the Phoenix on Tuesday 17 June to tie in with that. Agreed to offer two guided walks on Thursday 19 June – MM & DK to lead. MW & PH back markers. KG might lead in the future. PH referred to an historian he knows who may make a presentation on church architecture. Agreed this would be of great interest if it was related to St Nicholas & the St Mary Magdalene Chapel.

**DDHA Local History Fair** – happens on Sat 16 November. PH & DK staffing our stall. MW & KF kindly donated books for sale.

**UKMDD** – awaiting response re re-scheduling date to meet.

**Wharf lectern** – to be delivered end of next week. MW confirmed Bawtry Mens' Group will install. Need postcrete & water.

**Oxfam Miss Everard book** – RA viewing book next week.

**BCL – BHG display** – BCL trustees meeting to discuss what facility they can give us on 14 November

#### **3 Annual Report & Accounts**

DK has prepared our Annual Report & Accounts & they are now accessible on the Charities Commission website – go to

<https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/en/charity-search/-/charity-details/5156750>

Our current bank balance is £13,441. This after a recent spend of £434 on the data projector. Our lecterns project will consume all of this. We also have a regular commitment of £30 per month for website maintenance. Agreed need to discuss future funding – January 2025 meeting.

#### **4 Roman Bawtry desktop - update**

MM reported. Stage 2 part 1 now on website (News & Events). Part 2 (south & west of Bawtry) due to complete by end December 2024. Shrine targeted for completion February 2025; fort April 2025. MM will then prepare presentation for Bawtry Festival June 2025.

Whilst our papers on Roman Bawtry refer to both the shrine & the fort, we don't have a simple description of the shrine on our website. The fort is included in the gazetteer. DK to prepare an entry for the shrine.

**5 Battle of The Idle lectern / Sutton Hoo Society – update**

We will fund a battle lectern at BCL. At their invitation, we have applied to the Sutton Hoo Society for funding of a lectern (£2085 including planning & installation) near the battle site – lay-by near Bawtry bridge. SHS is meeting on 16 November, with a recommendation from their Chair to support our bid for the lectern but not the plaque on the bridge. In those circumstances, we have yet to decide whether to pursue the re-naming of the bridge. Discussion re differential content of the two lecterns.

Agreed to re-submit nomination to SYHL. Anglo-Saxon historian Sam Newton (linked to SHS initiative) may support.

**6 Meeting with CDC Conservation Office (David Hornsby)**

Very positive – he's very interested in what we're doing & says he'll try to help resolve our frustrations with SYHL, which he shares, & with any permissions we require. He is optimistic Harworth House will now proceed to renovation.

**7 AOB**

**Whiston Heritage Group request for a presentation by BHG** – they meet on 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month. Agreed to offer something in October or November 2025.

**History of Christianity in Bawtry – PH preparing a paper.** May widen it to history of religion in Bawtry – which would enable him to include the Roman shrine. Hopes to complete by Christmas.

**8 Next meeting**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024, 18.30 at New Hall.