

Saltash Heritage Museum & Local History Centre 2024 Report to Annual Meeting with Parishioners of Saltash

In respect of 2023, Saltash Heritage had an incredibly busy year. What's new. We have maintained our level of volunteers around the 53 mark. It seems that if someone leaves it is always through illness or death, our amazing volunteers do stay with us, of which we are very proud. We always welcome new faces and it seems someone always pops in the door and fills a gap. We do not have a limit to the number of volunteers who wish to work with us. Many work from home doing transcription work, as they have limited mobility or are caring for someone at home. Others are out in the community setting up external exhibitions, or giving talks. Many are our Front of house welcome committee and the research and exhibition team, work behind the scenes not only when the museum is open but out of hours. We welcome visitors for private visits, particularly dementia groups, nursing homes and special needs children's group. All these require a quiet and safe venue and we book them in for their visit on a day we are closed to the general public to ensure their safety. We have handling boxes which are taken out by a volunteer, to schools, nursing homes and halls for people to handle and discuss.

We had over 2000 visitors to our last years exhibition, for which we won a Heritage award, constructing a green exhibition, using all recycled materials. We won an award for the Object of the year at the Cornwall Heritage Awards with our Cradle-boat, built in Mashfords yard in the 1920's.

We receive many enquiries from abroad and our research team constantly spend hours over documents and books trying to assist these visitors who challenge us frequently.

After our closure of the ground floor exhibition in December the research room continues to work right through the winter period, whilst the exhibition team prepare for the 2024 new exhibition, this year it will be an Art theme based on the work of Henry Martin, a Newlyn artist who migrated to Saltash, where he brought up his family. The team are involving family members, art critics, the owners of the art work of Henry Martin and the owners of the property he lived in. We hope to have the fullest amount of information by the time we open in April.

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Hon Secretary
Saltash Heritage.