

Cornwall Heritage Trust
July 2024 Q2A Council of Management Meeting
Operations Report

Strategic Area	Work Strand	Comments
Finance	Finance	• Annual Accounts in progress – aim is to agree them at the September Council of Management meeting • Report to be presented at the meeting, the Finance Committee meeting will meet the day before the Council of Management and so papers will be last minute but a verbal report will be provided
	Governance	• Please could everyone complete and return their annual trustee declarations • Advert for new trustee (with financial experience) being advertised by Shine Charity Recruitment • Sara Hilton will be revisiting us for another governance and skills audit session in the autumn – date to be confirmed • Policies to be agreed at this meeting – they are listed on the agenda and attached for information • Please could trustees forward their apologies if they are unable to attend a meeting – the last meeting was not quorate; we don't mind as long as we know!
Heritage For All	Education	• Carefree programme has just finished with fabulous feedback: ○ All said they would like to visit other heritage sites (6/6) ○ 3/6 said that they would like to be involved in other activities offered by CHT and one said possibly. ○ “Absolutely fab time. Hope to do this again.” ○ “I had an amazing time meeting new people.” • Plaques scheme has slowed down as the manufacturers are proving elusive – we haven't forgotten! • The refurbishment for the mobile interpretation unit will start this month • Workshops have been popular this term – tended to be in school, not on the sites. We have plans to address this, the main barrier being lack of facilities!

Property	Community Engagement	• Open Gardens were a huge success with nearly £10K raised, an increase on last year. We recognise that visitors like the opportunity to explore a garden that is not usually open and will work on this moving forwards • Midsummer beacon lighting at Sancreed was a huge success with over 250 people attending and the Story Café being very well received
	Heritage Promotion	• Tristan and Iseult has received great feedback – once again we were at the mercy of the weather which may have put a few people off • Organisation of Awenek is well under way • Festival of Archaeology events planned for the end of the month • Calendar photography competition underway
	Management of CHT owned Sites	• New interpretation is gradually being installed – slow progress due to the need for Scheduled Monument and SSSI consents • We have permission and funding for both sheds at Sancreed Beacon and Castle an Dinas and are awaiting planning permission for the composting toilets at the same sites • Bracken clearance has begun – several corporate volunteering groups have been out helping
	Management of Partner Sites	• No concerns at present

	Treffry Viaduct	• No update at present
Business Development Plan	Income Generation	• Lou Tonkin tea towel now launched – not as successful as last time but we will re-promote it at Christmas too • Membership sales are going well but the new targets are stretching. Sophie will attend the next meeting to report on progress at the half year point • The Operations Manager role is currently being advertised

	Sites Acquisition	• The sites from Cornwall Council are going through their internal processes • Newquay Town Council are interested in East Pentire Head and so I have had to write a (second!) due diligence report on how we would manage that site and car park. If we are unsuccessful Cornwall Council know that we expect an alternative source of income to be found
	Volunteering	• Richie's group continues to be really successful • Volunteers have been vital to Open Gardens and helped at RCS

Cathy Woolcock
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