

Cornwall Heritage Trust
September 2024 Q2B Council of Management Meeting
Operations Report

Strategic Area	Work Strand	Comments
Finance	Finance	- Annual Accounts in progress – aim is to agree them at the October Finance meeting. The accountant has just been taken-over by a larger firm and so we will have to await an update about what happens moving forwards - Operations Manager now recruited and in post – Sarah Carter will attend the governance training to meet you all - New apprentice also recruited
	Governance	- We have an in-person governance training session planned at Lanivet on Thursday 10th October. Please could you let me know if you can attend if you haven't already done so - Also, a 40th anniversary planning meeting at Benbole on Monday 30th September at 11am – all welcome - Please do complete the 5 year plan survey if you haven't already done so: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScfSL3LDshfQNbrG4VGf1O2WuB3zmmmtWseLS4zcp-kKKANa3g/viewform?usp=sf_link - Advert for new trustee (with financial experience) being advertised by Shine Charity Recruitment - Date for the AGM will be publicised as soon as it has been agreed
Heritage For All	Education	- Now have “Spend a Penny”, a toilet in a trailer, which aims to overcome some of the issues with a lack of facilities at the sites. We also have planning permission for a compost toilet at Castle an Dinas and an application pending for one at Sancreed Beacon - Caroline is now overseeing the schools transport grants to ensure that we are not missing any opportunities for workshops etc - New home-ed group signed-up for monthly workshops until Feb, existing one returning for more sessions - Secondary school visit booked to go to Tregonning Hill and a couple of primaries also booked-in. Education newsletter planned to go out this week to raise awareness

Property	Community Engagement	- Awenek! was a success despite the terrible weather – 1,550 people attended and we've had some great feedback: <i>"A truly wonderful day"</i> <i>"Absolutely fantastic event, we had a great time and can't wait for next year!"</i> <i>"We had a super day out, brilliantly organised and so much to see and do. "Really looking forward to attending any future events"</i> <i>"Was a fantastic day and brilliantly organised. Well done and thank you!"</i> - The Awards night is scheduled for 14th November at Scorrier House – please put it in your diaries!
	Heritage Promotion	- Mobile interpretation unit is now almost complete and made its debut at Awenek! - Festival of Archaeology events went really well and I have attached a case study, prepared by Sophie, which illustrates how this worked to cover its costs 2025 calendar will be available to buy by the time of the meeting - Still struggling to engage with the plaques manufacturers and may resort to doorstepping them as email, phone and snail mail have not worked – we haven't forgotten! - Story Cafes are due to start again shortly with the first one at Boden Fogou already almost sold out - Minibus has been purchased (funded by the Rural Prosperity Fund) and is waiting to be signwritten
	Management of CHT owned Sites	- Dick will update at the meeting - 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 the compost toilet at CAD; just awaiting permission for the toilet at Sancreed Beacon - Bracken clearance has been full pelt with volunteers, corporate volunteers and Young Rangers all helping
	Management of Partner Sites	No concerns at present

Business Development Plan	Income Generation	• 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 • We have been trialing various events and activities and the recent Bronze Age Axe Casting workshop sold out at £130 per attendee! • Helen Mulhern-Plummer will be working with us for a short period to help with setting up the corporate sponsorship offering for next year
	Sites Acquisition	• The transfer of sites from Cornwall Council is going through their internal processes, I met with them recently to progress this and have agreed to start taking them forwards piecemeal rather than in a big batch – which is preferable to us. Just awaiting Director sign-off, which is a box ticking exercise but needs to be done before we can instruct solicitors etc • Still hold-ups over East Pentire Head and the issue with Newquay Town Council wanting to take it on. I have also requested more information on the Prince of Wales Engine House before we move that one forwards
	Volunteering	• Richie's group continues to be really successful • Volunteers were vital to the success of Awenek! • Sarah's role will incorporate oversight of the volunteering programme • Volunteering groups have been very involved with bracken clearance at the sites

Cathy Woolcock
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