



July Newsletter

Dear Friends

Please look at our website for brief updates (see our supporters page and news updates) at www.holmfirthconservation.org.uk

CAN YOU HELP?

Is there anyone out there who will be our Treasurer? We need to fill this post urgently. Ideally you would join the team but if you have the skill but not the time to join the team, we would still like to hear from you. Please contact me on Holmfirthconservation@outlook.com

We are pleased to welcome Sarah Whitelaw to the team who is already busy looking and applying for funding from various sources. She is a great communicator and will undoubtedly find ways to boost our funds.

We did make an enquiry for a start-up grant from Heritage Lottery Fund but sadly they don't support Appraisals. They believe that appraisals should be undertaken by local authorities. Sadly local authorities are so stretched for resources (manpower and finances), that's not a possibility, but we are hoping Kirklees might be able to find a fund we can apply to. If anyone amongst you has any connections that we might tap, we would be grateful to hear from you.

We are also fortunate to have Steve Ransby joining the group who was a planner. His skills and experiences will help drive this project forward to its exciting conclusion.

We welcome also Ashley Bamford who comes from an architectural background. He will add to our understanding of structures and heritage.

Welcome to Peter Hibbard who trained as a planner but has, in his working life, devoted himself to the combination of tourism and heritage buildings abroad. His skills and experiences will broaden our scope as the project develops.

Amongst our volunteers we have two more former planners (making four in total), a landscape architect and skilled and professional photographers who will be taking photographs for use in the database and the Appraisal.

Thank you to our 34 volunteer data collectors who have undertaken training and are now out in the field collecting data. The data is coming in now and is being entered into our database. It is hoped that most data collection of buildings will be completed by the end of July or beginning of August and the public realm, within the conservation area of Holmfirth, will be complete by the end of August.

Please put in your diaries 2nd August – upstairs in The Tap Room, Holmfirth 7pm for a social gathering with brief update. It's open to anyone so bring a friend! But, please send an RSVP with numbers to help us plan at Holmfirthconservation@outlook.com or through our website www.holmfirthconservation.org.uk

Thank you for continuing to take an interest in our work.