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HBPT Update

Sincere apologies, for the delay in restarting our quarterly Newsletter.

Like many heritage groups, the past few years have been very difficult. Finding the time and energy to actively engage with members has not been easy.

However, we are pleased to end 2023, with a newsletter which (we hope) will demonstrate that as a Trust is we are back in action and that a great deal of work has taken place.

We hope that you will find this new design will make up for the recent inactivity.

Regards

**Charlie Fraser-Fleming
Chairman.**

HBPT's 50th Anniversary

Its hard to believe that HBPT started out on the 27 July 1975, as a project by Hampshire County Council to celebrate the Europa Nostra, European Architectural Heritage, A sum of £100k (at todays value that is equivalent to just over £1million) was provided by HCC to enable HBPT to develop a "rotating door" fund for preserving historic buildings and in some cases selling them on, and reinvesting any surplus income into new Hampshire Heritage projects.

2023 Events

This year we joined forces with the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB) to see how we could work alongside other heritage organisations. In addition to SPAB we had the company of Bishop's Waltham Society which increased our networking opportunities. across Hampshire.

Our first visit in January was to the historic Eastney Gas Engine House. This was followed by a visit to Bursledon Brickworks to see the final stages of the insulation of the new roof over the Kiln. This included a talk about the project by Giles Prichard Architecture, who undertook the



work. This important project was funded by the Historic England and other grants, thus ensuring the kiln brick-roof will be protected and visitors will be able to see the kiln roof in greater detail by using a new walkway.

The third visit was to Cams Hall, Fareham, on a beautiful sunny day in May. The owners of the Hall, put on a comprehensive display of the buildings history. We also took the opportunity to visit the Dove Cote in what was originally Home Farm, which included a rare opportunity to get a close-up look of the "zig zag" wall.



During July, we undertook two events the first being a fascinating three hour walk around the historic village of Twyford. Our guide was Chris Corcoran, who's knowledge of the village was excellent. We started at St Marys the Virgin Church and ended the walk at Manor Farm's Barn.

Whilst the group size was small, and as you can see it rained, our host provided an fantastic insight to the buildings history.



This was followed by another July visit, this time to Farnborough Hill School, the former home of the Empress Eugenie.

Our final visit took place in September and was a fitting end to our 2023 programme, with a visit to the Groundling Theatre in Portsmouth. Again, a fascinating building with so much social history.

Now the planning for 2025 starts with a *potential* visit to the Avon Tyrrell Manor, in Sopley. A calendar house with its 365 windows, 52 rooms, 12 chimneys, 7 external doors, and 4 wings. Fingers crossed.

If you have any ideas please let me know....

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Meet the HBPT Board...

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Who" on the HBPT Web-

HBPT Portfolio

Over the years,, HBPT has preserved and saved a number of industrial heritage sites, which are clearly impossible to sell-on due to their listed status. So these three historic sites remain in our ownership. However, it has been possible, over the years for these sites to be leased to accredited Museum Trusts, which has ensured their long-term future and made them available to the wider public, as local community assets.

Whitchurch Silk Mill



Like so many heritage sites across Hampshire the visitor "footfall" has been low in recent years. The Trustee's have undertaken a full review and put in place a number of changes.

The good news is that visitor numbers are increasing and the Silk Mill has benefited.

Its location within Whitchurch village and the excellent Café has demonstrated its value as an heritage site and a community asset.

The site also hosts various arts and Crafts exhibitions where truly unique gifts can be purchased.

Bursledon Windmill



Some of you will already be aware that Hampshire Cultural Trust has surrendered its sub-lease back to Hampshire County Council, who in are in the process of surrendered their lease back to HBPT. This will all be finalised in during 2024.

HBPT are determined, with the help of the current Windmill Volunteers to keep the site open to the public and are putting together with the volunteers a programme of events for 2024, and hopefully some support from our Local Authorities.

Bursledon Brickworks



Carolyne Haynes (Museum Director) and Will Palin (CEO of St Bartholomew's Heritage London) who visited all of our three sites in late 2022.

Seen here inside the kiln.

The sale of some land at the top-end of the Brickworks site (Swanwick Lane) has been agreed with HBPT and, is clearly subject to planning approval by Fareham Borough Council.

Income from the land sale will be used to restore Drying Sheds 1 & 2 which have been derelict for decades, into usable business-units to help generate income for the Brickworks.

The summer evets programme has been successful and visitor numbers are getting back to normal.