

Mountsorrel Museum and Heritage Trust

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The Mountsorrel Museum and Heritage Trust

The MMHT became the official name of the group at a meeting on 9th May 2017, when members approved the new constitution. We later became a registered charity in September. The operating arm of the MMHT retains the group's original name-

The Mountsorrel Heritage Group

The committee of the MHG are responsible for the organisation of the monthly talks, the management of the website and the management of the museum. They meet each month, on the Friday before the members monthly meeting (second Tuesday of the month). The meeting is held at 2pm in the Youth Café. As before any member is welcome to attend these meetings.

If anyone wishes to join the committee and take an active role in the management of the group please let us know. Ad hoc groups of interested members can also be formed for particular projects, for example the World War I Studies Team are working on publishing a book in 2018.

Next year the monthly talks will be held in the new Memorial Centre instead of the library.

The Trustees

The MMHT trustees are concerned with policy matters. The first Annual General Meeting of the MMHT will be held in November 2018. At this meeting three trustees will step down (they are eligible for re-election).

The trustees are Brian Stanton, Pat Neal, John Hingley, Robin Davies, Keith Foster, Linda Tyman, Maggie Hunt, Noel Wakeling and John Doyle,
The trustees are all members of the Heritage Group.

The Museum

We expect the Parish Council (PC) to hand over the Parish Rooms in early February. Once the lease has been signed we will apply to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for funding. The envisaged occupation of the building is

- Upstairs Room: shared storage space with the PC
- Large Office: archive and study area
- Small Office; this is used by the police
- Old School: exhibition area

From Holy Bones to Mountsorrel Cemetery

The group were offered some free display cases from the Jewry Wall Museum if we could arrange collection in the next week. Using a fleet of cars we managed to rescue nine display cases



*The name Holy Bones derives from:
(take your pick)*

- It led to St Nicholas churchyard
- Animal bones dug up there in the 18th century were the remains of sacrifices at the Jewry Wall
- The bones were from the St Nicholas Shambles (Slaughterhouse)

The Eco Group

Chris Berry has resigned from the Eco Group; and at their meeting, this Monday, the group decided to disband. The group have been responsible for organising the maintenance and development of the Navins Meadow, and the improvement and maintenance of the Peace Garden. They are presently producing details of walks in and around the village and these will appear on the website in the New Year. The work started by the Group on the Navins Meadow and the Peace Garden will continue but under the auspices of MHG.”

Chris

It is because of Chris's drive and leadership that the Peace Garden has been totally transformed into something that the village can be proud of.

What's more all who took part in Chris's action days enjoyed themselves



Especially when they could finally sit down with a cuppa



**So thanks
Chris**