

Museum Management Working Group
Meeting 6th February 2013
Museum Society Chairman's Report

The highlight of the Autumn was the 'geophys' survey of the Museum grounds together with the Castle and adjoining tennis courts. The Society volunteered help led by the Vice-Chairman Paul Salvidge. To find the missing Manor House is a real benefit and will lead to further investigations and a possible dig in the future.

The exhibition 'Castle Street' has proved as popular as the opening last Autumn, referred to in my previous report. The new Interactive touch screen computer, funded by the Museum Society has been in use. We thank Sarah Kenyon for her work in setting this up.

We have appointed a new membership officer, Peter Gray, following the retirement of Kenneth Wilson.

Directors have met with the UDC officers to progress the museum store project. The Board has agreed to join with the UDC in a joint press release to be issued before the planning application is held by the Planning Committee. A full report will also be sent to Society members.

The Board met on the 29th January. The progress of the museum store was reported. The Structure Review Group report was received and approved. The Board agreed to appoint two new sub-committees 'Society Administration' and 'Museum Support'. Each of these committees will consist of three Directors together with appointed officers to cover specific projects. It is intended to encourage members to undertake voluntary work, with particular development of support to the Museum staff to help compensate for the anticipated reduction in staff following the cutback of the museum budget. The existing Management Committee will no longer be required and the AGM will be asked to stand this down.

Tony Watson
30th January 2013.