

FAREHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL/HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Fareham Museum Joint Management Committee

*Minutes of a meeting held on 25 March 2009
at Westbury Manor, Fareham*

- PRESENT:** Councillor Mrs C L A Hockley (Fareham)
(Chairman)
- Councillors:** D C S Swanbrow (Fareham) and R H Price, JP
(Hampshire)
- Other representatives:** Councillor M F Godrich and Mrs B Clapperton (Friends of
Fareham Museum)

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED that, the minutes of the meeting of the Joint Management Committee held on 12 January 2009, be confirmed and signed as a correct record, subject to the inclusion of the tables detailing the breakdown of visitor figures across the Museum service, attached to these minutes as [Appendix A](#), [Appendix B](#) and [Appendix C \(fm-090112-m\)](#).

2. WESTBURY MANOR MUSEUM - PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENT REPORT AND EDUCATION UPDATE

The Joint Management Committee considered a report by Thomas de Wit, Community Curator providing an update on the general progress and performance of the Museum and an additional report by Emma Hart, Education Officer which provided a summary of Schools Education to date (copy of report [fm-090325-progress report](#) and [fm-090325-education update](#) appended to signed minutes).

Emma Hart, Education Officer reported on the current work in progress that had been completed to date in 2009, together with the forthcoming projects and work to be

undertaken.

Following the discussion of this item members' of the Committee were invited to take part in a 'hands on' activity session that was provided when local schools visit the Museum. There were three educational elements to the session involving census records, objects and photographs and members' were split into groups to look at each of the elements available to groups visiting the Museum.

(a) Events Programme

It was reported that since the last meeting of the Committee the Museum had held numerous events, as listed below.

- 1970s Car Show
- The Love Bug Half Term Craft Activity
- Gordon Keeble - Hampshire's Supercar and Keeble K3, Fareham's Supercar

All had proved to be a great success throughout January to March, particularly the Gordon Keeble event which had attracted approximately 800 people over the two weekends it took place.

Forthcoming events at Westbury Manor Museum over the coming months included:-

- The Lost Archives - Treasure Map, Archaeology and Mystery Maze Making Day
- Fareham Photograph History Day
- Treasure Hunter's Hieroglyphics Mystery Trail and Explorer's Activities
- Fabric Fashions Craft Workshop

(b) Exhibitions Programme

It was reported that since the last meeting of the Committee the Museum had held numerous exhibitions, as listed below:-

- The 1970's....the Decade that taste forgot?
- Raiders of the Lost Archives - The Lost Photographs of Fareham (currently running in the Museum at the time of the meeting)

This exhibit uses modern technology to make the collection of photographs accessible to a wide audience. Using nine LCD and Plasma flat screens providing running video presentations and an interactive computer featuring the archive available, the exhibit makes the best possible use of all of the photographs and information kept to enable members of the public to record recollections, provide their own photographic data for inclusion or information about the photographs already available.

Alongside the photographs there was a fabulous display of cameras from the collection held by the County Museum Service to give the public an idea of the equipment used to produce the archive.

The Raiders of the Lost Archives exhibit had been very well received and utilised by the public today and had been covered by 'The News' in an illustrated feature.

Following discussion Members' of the Committee had a look at this exhibit held in the Museum Gallery.

Forthcoming exhibitions at Westbury Manor Museum over the coming months included:-

- Fabric of a Nation - Textiles and Identity in Modern Ghana
- Myths and Legends

(c) Pride of Place

It was noted that the Pride of Place was currently displaying memorabilia ran in conjunction with the Gordon Keeble event. Recent exhibits had included a 4ft model of the Spinnaker Tower made from by a local man using matchsticks. Forthcoming displays would include the Fareham Model Engineering Society, celebrating 40 years and the Fareham Tourist Information Centre who were celebrating 25 years of service in the Borough.

(d) Recent Developments and Future Plans

The following recent development and future plans for the Museum were noted:-

- The provision to display a collection of original Ladybird books for visitors to the Museum on the Fareham Book Bus - this bookshelf was modelled on an old Provincial bus No. 55, the local bus was stationed in Fareham during World War 2 and is ran regularly in conjunction with Museum trips for local people. It was reported Westbury Manor Museum would be planning a trip on this bus along Portsdown Hill in August).
- In connection with the photographic exhibition 'Raiders of the Lost Archives', an archive of photographs had been given to the Museum by the Provincial Society which shows images of the local company over the last 70 years.
- The outreach work with Rivendale NHS Centre for adults with psychological and learning difficulties remained successful with trips planned to numerous sites including Fort Nelson, Portchester Castle and the D-Day relics on the Hamble
- A programme to create a new permanent display to reflect Fareham's key role on the global story of the development of speed in aviation and marine technology is being progressed.

(e) Visitor Figures

It was reported that visits to the end of 2008 were **32,969**, this figure had been the best recorded since 2004 and so far this year figures have indicated the best January on record. It was thought this was due to the success and press coverage of the 1970's event, giving January and February a visitor figure of 6146. A table of visitor numbers is shown below:-

Westbury Manor Museum Visitor Figures - 2003 - February 2009

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
January	2192	2183	1729	CLOSED	2858	2374	2964
February	3291	2848	2936	1990	2557	3499	3182
	5483	5031	4666	1990	5415	5873	6146
March	2182	2164	2342	1850	2511	1943	
April	2551	2268	2423	2396	2173	3222	
May	2833	2926	2153	2690	2546	2782	
June	4015	3523	2448	2470	2887	2671	
July	2992	2926	3126	2576	2574	2654	
August	2612	3534	3090	3632	3171	3437	
September	2351	3549	1601	3174	2553	2813	
October	3132	3537	949	3219	3019	2921	
November	2765	2851	CLOSED	2459	2546	2491	
December	2144	2017	CLOSED	2079	2134	2162	
Total	33,060	34,326	22,797	28,535	31,529	32,969	

RESOLVED:-

- (a) that the reports be received and noted; and
- (b) that the Community Curator and the Education Officer be thanked for the work undertaken on the exhibits and the hands on demonstration of education services received

3. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED that the date of the next meeting of the Fareham Museum Joint Management Committee will be held on Monday, 22 June 2009 at 10am in Westbury Manor Museum.

*(The meeting started at 10.00am
and ended at 11.38am)*

Hampshire County Council Museums Service Visitor Figures Annual Summary Sheet 2008 - APPENDIX A

Site Name	Adult Male	Adult Female	Children	School children	Students	Total
Aldershot	4072	4146	3744	1711	0	13673
Allen	3554	6230	1225	173	10	11192
Andover	5659	11137	6148	2365	234	25543
Basing House	2055	2204	1303	693	0	6255
Bursledon Windmill	1196	1387	1134	184	4	3905
Chilcomb HQ	1275	1147	268	0	0	2690
Curtis	3285	4211	1580	791	9	9876
Eastleigh	7969	13195	4243	435	0	25842
Flora Twort	2	3	1	0	0	6
Gosport Gallery	2647	3202	1227	523	0	7599
Gosport Local Studies	7226	5837	1136	282	0	14481
Gosport Mez Hampshire Wardrobe	9022	9207	9022	682	0	27933
Havant	516	1003	108	31	10	1668
Iron Age	3907	5135	2772	557	0	12371
Milestones	2342	4201	4587	1284	228	12642
Red House	30674	31699	22104	12714	65	97256
Rockbourne	8036	12527	4011	1627	0	26201
SEARCH	2262	2511	1133	610	0	6516
	880	3345	1734	9065	5	15029

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St Barbe	6624	8206	453	4681	0	19964
Westbury Manor	10990	16762	4642	680	6	33080
Willis	8476	13944	6456	591	11	29478
Winchester DC	9841	11909	2125	431	0	24306
TOTAL	132510	173148	81156	40110	582	427506
% breakdown	31%	41%	19%	9%	<1%	100%

Hampshire Museums Service Visitor Figures January 2009 - APPENDIX B

SiteName	School groups						Total	2008	% change	Cal year	2008/9
	Adult male	Adult female	Children	Students	0	0					
Aldershot	193	182	171	0	0	0	546	1093	-50%	546	10985
Allen	346	508	54	6	0	0	914	591	55%	914	9181
Andover	402	724	248	18	0	0	1392	2033	-32%	1392	21071
Basing House	37	43	10	0	0	0	90	122	-26%	90	5704
Bursledon Windmill	40	39	33	0	0	0	112	293	-62%	112	3023
Chilcomb House	97	115	0	0	0	0	212	144	47%	212	2412
Curtis	241	252	62	109	0	0	664	701	-5%	664	8083
Eastleigh	633	900	168	0	0	0	1701	1556	9%	1701	21744
Gosport Gallery	135	197	129	147	0	0	608	278	119%	608	6734
Gosport Local Studies	533	457	55	0	0	0	1045	1245	-16%	1045	12019
Gosport Mez Hampshire Wardrobe	631	633	652	0	0	0	1916	3971	-52%	1916	22230
Havant	70	167	11	0	1	0	249	0		249	1917
Iron Age	405	353	89	58	0	0	905	844	7%	905	10254
Milestones	129	146	168	0	0	0	443	491	-10%	443	10937
Red House	2056	2289	1188	1413	41	0	6987	6585	6%	6987	76962
Rockbourne	410	551	140	52	0	0	1153	1430	-19%	1153	22561
SEARCH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	6151
	58	232	49	844	0	0	1183	1187	0%	1183	12491

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St Barbe	539	867	90	310	0	1806	285	1806	18953
Westbury Manor	1055	1388	348	155	18	2964	2374	2964	28228
Willis	0	0	0	0	0	0	2264	0	21616
Winchester DC	612	700	93	0	0	1405	0	1405	16780
TOTAL	8622	10743	3758	3112	60	26295	29495	26295	350036
								-11%	

Hampshire County Council Museums Service Visitor Figures February 2009 - APPENDIX C

SiteName	Adult male	Adult female	Children	School groups	Students	Total	2008	% change	Cal year	2008/09
Aldershot	292	247	528	0	0	1067	1065	0%	1613	12052
Allen	287	547	132	30	0	996	1027	-3%	1910	10177
Andover	373	842	714	52	20	2001	2261	-11%	3393	23072
Basing House	0	0	0	0	0	0	50		90	5704
Bursledon Windmill	36	55	73	0	0	164	269	-39%	276	3187
Chilcomb HQ	56	52	0	0	0	108	14	671%	320	2520
Curtis	246	312	192	19	0	769	1071	-28%	1433	8852
Eastleigh	570	1068	508	73	0	2219	2312	-4%	3920	23963
Gosport Gallery	190	319	409	129	0	1047	547	91%	1655	7781
Gosport Local Studies	696	643	203	16	0	1558	1264	23%	2603	13577
Gosport Mez Hampshire Wardrobe	1219	1218	1223	0	0	3660	2086	75%	5576	25890
Havant	41	114	7	16	0	178	n/a		427	2095
Iron Age	291	389	258	140	0	1078	1110	-3%	1983	11332
Milestones	151	324	518	0	20	1013	1136	-11%	1456	11950
Red House	2930	3047	2640	819	0	9436	9595	-2%	16423	86398
Rockbourne	444	640	260	132	0	1476	1699	-13%	2629	24037
SEARCH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	6151
	60	254	105	513	0	932	990	-6%	2115	13423

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St Barbe	442	756	285	175	0	1658	1478	12%	3464	20611
Westbury Manor	1010	1525	593	19	0	3147	3395	-7%	6111	31375
Willis	0	0	0	0	0	0	3118		0	21616
Winchester DC	536	727	254	18	0	1535	4929	-69%	2940	18315
Total	9870	13079	8902	2151	40	34042	39416	-14%	60337	384078