

# Bank Hall NEWS



## Summer 2021



### Editorial

We have not heard how work is progressing internally but do know from visits that it is at a very advanced stage. The perimeter fence around the Hall is in the course of being altered and those who attended our recent open day will have seen the restored Hall from all sides. We are often asked about the garden around the Hall. The landscaping was arranged by the builders and is for the benefit of the residents in the Hall but is not to any original layout.

### Gate Posts

Two gate posts which were in the grounds near the north east wing and were set at an angle and were originally part of the garden wall around the Hall, have been relocated adjacent to the north east wing. Although we felt they should have perhaps been left in situ this was not possible due to an area at the front being used for parking. At least the stone work from the Victorian era has been saved and is still being used. Sadly the gates between the posts have gone. For those who have not yet been able to visit, the two pictures show the south elevation of the Hall. One was taken in the early 1970s before dereliction took place and the other at our recent open day. Many of our recent visitors told us how amazed they were at the Restoration.

### Interpretation

As many will know the central area of the Hall will contain Interpretation and Artefacts. There will not be much on the ground floor entrance Hall due Fire & Safety restrictions. The main exhibition will be in the first floor room above and on the top floor of the Tower. This initial interpretation work should be installed by mid-August. However, we do not know as yet when the Hall will be open to the public.

### Potting Sheds Project

I had hoped to be able to report further on the first phase of this project but have no news at this time. HTNW are having difficulty obtaining quotes from Builders due to them being busy following the pandemic and we can't move forward until further quotes are received as it is a requirement of the funders.

# Crafts Open Day



We had a successful Crafts Open Day on the 13th June. We had hoped for more visitors but all our stallholders were pleased with the outcome. We had to operate pre-booking due to the Covid restrictions and the rules that are still in place. The stalls were a mix of crafts with some Charity stalls and some doing demonstrations. The photo shows Julie Livesey who is a Willow Weaver. Our own Bric-a-brac stall took £100 for the Potting Shed project and we thank all who supported us and attended this event.

## Events

As you will no doubt appreciate it has been difficult to arrange events during the period of the pandemic. At the time of writing, we do not have any events scheduled but will advise separately on our website and facebook page and directly to our email supporters when any have been arranged. We will be open mid September for Heritage week and we may have another event in late July or August.

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## Our AGM and Changes

We held our Annual General Meeting on the 21st June. The venue had to be changed due to the extension of Covid restrictions as the limit for indoor meetings was not lifted. It was held in the walled garden at the Hall and was attended by several of our members in addition to most of our Trustees. This year both Janet Edwards and Geoff Coxhead have stepped down as Chair and Vice-Chair respectively so we are currently underway with making new appointments. Geoff was originally Chairman of the Bank Hall Action Group and became Vice-Chairman when Janet took over as Chair in 2003. Both have been involved for a long time, Geoff from the outset of the campaign and Janet a couple of years later. Janet will remain as a Trustee but Geoff is stepping down as a Trustee and will remain as a Member. We thank both of them for all their dedicated work on behalf of the Group.