

Liskeard Museum's C&E Report

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- We have two new volunteers! One started tentatively last month but is due to join us again this month, she is a sixth form student from Liskeard School. And we have another joining us next Friday who is a third year student in history and will be starting an MA in Heritage at Plymouth University in September.
- Our Christmas event was a success! The first weekend was very busy, which was the day that coincided with all of the activities in Liskeard. Babs was kept busy giving out refreshments and chatting to visitors. The following two weeks were quiet, but those that did come to join in the activities really enjoyed themselves. Next year I think we'll keep the big, manned event with raffles and refreshments just on the first weekend and then have crafts out that don't need to be manned for the rest of December.
- We finally got our Modes training! After the trainer being off sick for months and months, Cornwall Museum Partnership (CMP) finally managed to book us training. I did all three training (Introduction, Advanced and Admin), Brian did the first two and Elaine did the Introduction. CMP paid for it all, so it didn't cost us anything. They're going to plan some more training for early this year and I have two other volunteers signed up to do the introductory training already. This means we can finally start putting all of our Rapson collection and other bits we've acquired over the last year up on Modes!
- The clothing items from our Canadian donor finally made it to us, after a lot of mishaps by the delivery service (which we are getting some refunds for). The items are amazing, and once I've done some investigating into how to look after them and restore one of the items, I'm excited to start planning a new exhibition in the current 50s/60s room around them.
- I have joined the Volunteer Management Forum, which is part of Southwest Museum Development. I went up to Bath last month to meet with them and we were able to talk about where we needed help and give each other advice on what's going well. I got some good ideas on how to advertise for volunteers going forward, so I'm excited to implement them shortly.

Coming Up:

- We are getting very full here and quickly running out of storage. Due to this, I'm going to try and hire a volunteer to start deaccessioning items that have no relevance to the town or museum and were taken in before we had our guidelines on what we should and should not accept. It's quite a long process, so we'll need to find someone dedicated to seeing it through to the end.
- We have many duplicates of John Rapson's photos at the museum and nowhere to store them. We've offered them to Kresen Kernow, but they don't like sharing copyright so won't take them. Brian has suggested that on his Saturdays when he is at the museum, he will do a sale of the duplicates, with all proceeds going to the museum. I will start advertising this shortly once he has come up with the finer details.
- After the success of the last two events, I will plan something fun for Easter for families to come and take part in.

Volunteer Hours 2022

January	89.00
February	134.50
March	112.25
April	108.00
May	96.00
June	75.50
July	74.50
August	87.00
September	52.50
October	41.00
November	45.25
December	38.75
TOTAL	954.25