

Museum Co-ordinator Report

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1. Volunteers & Students
2. Brian's Book
3. Christmas Event/Covid
4. New Contract
5. Working with Liskerrett
6. Looking Ahead

1. We have a strong core of reliable volunteers who are regularly coming in on their set days. Numbers have grown slightly since the last report, with new volunteers with new interests joining the team and working hard. I have added an excel sheet with the volunteer hours on, so you can see how much work they are putting in.

We recently worked with Whitehead Ross in Looe, where we agreed to have two students with us for 75 hours of training in the workplace. Unfortunately, one was quite unreliable and did not continue with us, but the second learner went from strength to strength whilst with us and made a valuable contribution to our team. In April we can apply for a £1,000 grant from the government for having him with us.

2. Brian's book sales have been excellent. At the MMT we agreed to support the printing of 500 books as opposed to 250, which was a wise decision, as he's already sold over 300 copies.

3. We put on a small Christmas craft event which was, unfortunately, not very successful. I think people were very concerned with getting Covid-19 just before Christmas, so visitor numbers were exceptionally low. Thankfully, we hadn't spent much money on the event, and what we bought will be usable in future events. Since then, numbers have started to rise with a very busy half-term. (Visitor numbers are included in the TIC report).

4. Thank-you for voting to up my contract to 24 hours a week. With this extra flexibility I have been able to keep my workload much more manageable, whilst being able to induct new volunteers to our team, attend different training and make an important trip to Kresen Kernow to share our Rapson photographs and do some research in their library for our Folklore Exhibition.

5. The Folklore exhibition has grown quite a lot from the original idea of having a basic exhibition at the museum. I am applying for NLHF funding to enable us to buy a new, fully sealed display case and to purchase some art pieces created by local artists. We are also

going to work with Liskerrett to put on some craft events, following the theme of Folklore. A selection of the artwork, made by locals of all ages and abilities, will then be used as part of our display at the museum. By working with local groups, we are more likely to receive our funding, as well as engage with more of the community. Although the Liskerrett side will focus on young adults and children, I would like to hold an event for adults and look at the possibility of doing outreach in some of the local residential homes, so those who may not be able to come to us, can still be involved.

6. Upcoming:

- Apply for NLHF funding
- Working with **South West Visitor Insights** to create a thorough report on our audience. This is a free programme that Karen applied for in 2020 and they have only just got up and running since Covid-19. It will last three years, with the first part being the surveying phase from April – September.
- Children's Easter Event.
- Website refresh.
- Oral history project.