

Liskeard & District Museum

Report to Communications and Engagement Committee January 2021

The ground floor of the museum (Toys & 50s, 60s Exhibition) has been open alongside the Tourist Information Office.

A skeleton crew of volunteers have been working on the first floor or at home maintaining the collection and database and developing a new website with more on-line access to the exhibitions and collection. We expect the new website access to be open to the public in January.

We have maintained an on-line presence on social media using the Rapson photograph collection and in association with the Liskeard Old Cornwall Society via Brian Oldham. This has increased our audience engagement and is leading to provision of research information about families and businesses and activities in Liskeard.

The museum is also working with the Looe Valley Trails Steering Group and will be integral to the volunteer activities in the project.

Looking forward, the museum aims to focus on the provision of digital access to the collection through on-line exhibition, and virtual reality tours and stories, providing access for a broader audience and engagement with the community. (Draft Project Plan (Adapting for the Future) attached).

The museum needs to provide a safe working environment for volunteers working on projects away from direct public contact. We propose moving the working space and research facilities to the top floor of the museum and bringing the mining exhibition currently housed on the top floor into the larger Jeanne Rees room on the first floor. This will entail dismantling a large display cabinet to move it down one floor and will require investigation, dismantling and re-building by a specialist contractor. (Estimate attached). The Museum Management Group requests that C&E agree the costs for the cabinet move are met from the museum budget (approx. £2K). Further funding for the project will be sought from grant funding.