

Museum Coordinator report – 03/11/2021

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Having started the role at the end of September, I feel I have been settling well and making good progress at the museum. Thank-you to everybody who has shown their support and come to visit me.

Since I started, I have recreated the museum's volunteering posters and leaflets, which I sent to the University of Plymouth history department, and we have had three enthusiastic and competent new volunteers start in the last few weeks.

My first big project was planning and running a Halloween event during October half term. The trail created by myself and a volunteer ran throughout the week with three days of crafting being run by myself and a few willing volunteers on the final three weekdays of the holiday. For the week we had 145 adults and 133 children, which was a huge growth on the last (pre-pandemic) October half term where the museum had 83 adults and 35 children. As well as local families, we also had families down on holiday in the area and multiple families from Plymouth who had come down after seeing the event advertised. We had all positive feedback. I am hoping to run a similar Cornish Christmas event on the 21st & 22nd December.

I had my first Museum Management Team meeting last week (notes attached) where we all agreed to support Brian Oldham's book which we will be funding the printing for. All income from sales will be coming back to the museum (unless sold by third parties – but we still receive a profit). There are also going to be two new exhibitions going in over the next 12 months – one on Local Folklore and one on The Cadets of Liskeard.

The Daniel Gumb room is also going to have a makeover. After the exhibition being moved into that room, it needs to be repainted and we are removing the Enlightened Eye (which, according to some volunteers, hasn't worked for years). This will give us a lot more space for new exhibitions and more items to be on display.