

Crewkerne Museum - Report to SSDC, Area West Committee, December 2017

The Local History Room has been busy with requests for help most of which have come from Australia and America, researching these has given more insight in to Crewkerne in the past. A catalogue of photographs held by the museum has been made which will prove helpful. There was a good reaction to photographs in the town shops and it was interesting to see how commercial life in Crewkerne has changed.

Items received in 2017 include: records of meetings, social gatherings, photographs of members in and around Crewkerne from Ladies Tangent Club (a national organisation which has been disbanded); brass token (52mm diameter) issued to a local person entitled to attend the Coronation of George IV, 1820; a Royal Navy ratings uniform; gold presentation medallion for Perry Street 1929; documents relating to Butts Quarry and Crewkerne Grammar School.

The Museum has been offered Log Books of Ashlands and Misterton First Schools, these will be invaluable records showing the schools' histories and social history of the area and will be used, among other things, to support school projects. A range of collection auditing has taken place, including plans and documentation relating to the setting up of the museum 1998–2000.

Friends Coffee mornings continue to be successful; Talks & Teas are going well. The organisers note that there are in the region of 40 stewards and reserves who will stand in and that the volunteer base is very good; the organisers encourage people to come along and help with what they enjoy doing.

A number of bequests and donations were very gratefully received and expenditure has been maintained within budgeted levels. Reserves remain sufficient to cover normal operating costs for a number of years, as well as contingency for maintenance works which are needed from time to time.

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