

FRIENDS OF COULTERSHAW

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Appointment of Administrative Assistant

The Trustees seek to appoint a volunteer as an Administrator to assist in the day to day running of the Heritage Site. The task would involve

- Keeping the diary of Open Days, Group Visits and Warehouse bookings
- Establishing and administering the Stewards Rota, allocating duties as required.
- Responding to enquiries for Group Visits
- Responding to enquiries to use the Warehouse.
- Assisting in the organisation of the Evening Party and other special events
- Taking minutes of Trustees Meetings.

It is envisaged that the task will involve about 4 hours per week, averaged over a calendar year. Much of the work will need to be undertaken at home with access to a computer and a broadband connection; own transport.

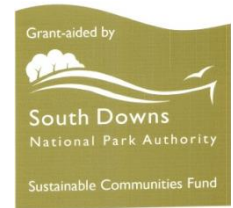
A fee of £200 per month will be paid plus reasonable expenses. Expressions of interest by 20 December 2017 to Robin Wilson Chairman, The Coultershaw Trust by email rlwconsult@btinternet.com

Review of 2016

The Heritage Site has had another successful year. Visitor numbers (971) were about the same as last year (942); visits by children increased from 162 to 194, mainly due to a very successful schools day on 21 June. There were 19 Open Days, 7 Group Visits and visits from 5 schools. Numbers were affected by cold weather, although three sunny Bank Holiday Mondays produced a record £436 – 28% of the annual takings.

The financial outturn for the year was very satisfactory. The turbine had a better year and £4,534 was received in management fees. There was a surplus on ordinary activities of £2,746 which was transferred to reserves.

No grants were received in the year. £4,127 reserve funds were used to progress further restoration work.



The Charity's accumulated funds at 30 September 2017 were £25,455 (2016 - £26,856) of which £9,051 (2016 - £13,179) are Restricted Funds, including £4,000 for turbine maintenance.

Evening Party

The Trustees were right to change the annual Evening Opening Party from the Tuesday (which was wet as 2016 had been) to the Wednesday 12 July when the traditional fine evening was enjoyed by over 80 guests including children. The raffle made £220; donations and sales £173.

Big Draw Day

Our registration to participate in the nationwide Big Draw went astray. The Trust nevertheless held a Big Draw event on Sunday 1 October. Materials were provided with expert tuition. Although the day was wet (as 2016!), families had an entertaining afternoon responding to the 'Moving Lines' theme.



Big Draw Day in the Warehouse

Next year the Coultershaw 'Daw with Us' day will be held earlier in the year when the weather should be better. There may be an opportunity to link with the Petworth Festival

Working Parties

Regular working parties have continued on Tuesday mornings and have been convivial and well attended. The shelter for the timber drain pipe from the Glasshouse fish pond in Stag Park is finished.



The vertical 'monk' closed the flow into the pipe



Work has started to extend the steps from the ram pumps to the pump house. The uneven paving in front of the pump house is to be replaced by a concrete path – this will at least defeat some of the moles!

Following the annual condition survey of the waterwheel 1 No paddle and 2 No starts were replaced. The wheel is generally in good condition. The pump piston rods have been cleaned of years of bituminous paint and are being repainted.

Other projects under consideration

- a roof over the generator
- replica of the millers toilet over the tail race

Turbine

The turbine has had a better year although generation has been lost due to low water levels and faulty capacitors, which have been rewired. The total generation in the year ending 30 September 2017 was 87,808 kWh at a load factor of about 67%.



Young interest in model Archimedes Screw

George Newby

The Trustees were sorry to learn of the death of George Newby on 10 September after a long illness. George lived at The Wharf for over 20 years. After some initial misunderstandings, George became a friendly supporter of our activities. Our sympathy goes to his wife Sandi.

Friends of Coultershaw

Friends of Coultershaw donated £1,263 in the year (2016 - £1,393).

Sponsors and providers of goods and services without charge or at a discount included

ADPRINT (Adrian Palmer) – printing Friends leaflet & Newsletter

Alan Green – service of mower.

Michael Harris (Burgess & Randall)

– service of strimmer.

Richard Smith – Independent Examiner

Steve Winnard – electrics

Volunteers

A warm welcome to Alastair Spence who has joined the 'Tuesday Gang'; another retired civil engineer who lives in Duncton.

More volunteers are needed, particularly those prepared to do a stint on Open Days – usually a Sunday- manning the desk and showing visitors round: even half a day would help. Contact Robin Wilson <rlwconsult@btinternet.com>

SIAS 50th

The Sussex Industrial Archaeology Society celebrated 50 years since its founding with a special issue of their magazine Sussex Industrial History (SIH). SIAS with the Petworth Society founded the Coultershaw Trust in 2002. The story of the restoration of the Beam Pump since 1976 appears in the jubilee edition of the SIH.

Annual Meeting

Friends and other supporters are invited to the Annual Meeting of the Coultershaw Group to be held in

**The Warehouse at Coultershaw on
Friday 1 December 2017 at 2.30pm**

After the meeting Peter Spooner will recall his experiences of working at the Mill after WW11. Tea and cakes will be served.

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