

FTM – Chair Report

As you are aware at the last Friends AGM I was elected as the new Chairman of the Friends Group. The Friends of Trowbridge Museum has been going for over 30 years supporting the Trowbridge museum in many varied ways, including financial support. If you have not already joined the Friends we welcome you to join and support the work we carry out.

We have been fortunate to receive a donation from Newland Homes to go towards our new adventure of book publications. The 5th one in the series 'The Changing Face of Trowbridge during the Last 21 Years' will be published in February 2022. Please look out for this and the first 4 books are still available in the museum to purchase. All profits go back to the friends funds. (Newland Home received the Trowbridge Enhancement Award three times within the last 20 years).

We have also received a donation from Mr Charmbury

The new committee are organising a programme of events, including talks, visits, afternoon cream teas, Trowbridge historic walks, etc. The new programme will commence after the AGM in 2022. If you have any ideas on events or you know someone who would do a talk for us, please let us know.

The friends still continue with volunteering at the museum carrying out various activities to support the museum staff and welcoming the public.

When you are visiting the museum please take a look at the Friends display case, located on the 2nd floor in the far corner, currently we have a display of a wonderful collection of beautifully restored Teddy Bears by Jill Hillman with a PowerPoint presentation giving details on the Teddy Bears.

One of the committee members is looking after our social media sites. We have a Facebook page and Instagram site to encourage engagement with the younger generation. The current audience with Facebook is 484.

The next edition of the Muse will be out soon. Contribution gratefully accepted.