

Trustee Report, 2023-24

Another busy year for the Friends of Killhope committee

Unfortunately Bill Heyes resigned from the committee for personal reasons, we would like to thank him for all the hard work that he did for the Friends, in particular helping with our new website. He was instrumental in its development and we are very grateful that he gave us his time and expertise. Thank you Bill.

The newsletters have been great this year, thanks to the hard work and commitment of John Sheppard, our newsletter editor. We have had some interesting and informative articles. We are grateful to all the contributors to the newsletter this year and we encourage new offers of articles. Fresh ideas are always welcome.

Our treasurer, Mike Cave, has worked tirelessly to secure back dated Gift Aid. The committee would like to thank him for this work. He is doing a splendid job and we are grateful for his willingness to persist in these matters.

Our exhibition, which was planned for last year, is now being displayed at Allenheads Trust Heritage Centre. It is formally open today so please go along and have a look. Ian Forbes has done a great job, it is exciting to see it in place. It is entitled 'What did you do at school today?' and tells the story of the children of the lead miners and their many accomplishments. It is well worth a visit.

Our archives are ready to move to Sevenhills at Spennymoor but arranging their transportation is proving to be a little challenging. Hopefully it will happen this year ready for Killhope to reopen next season.

We are presently collaborating with Rick Smith on a publication about fluorspar mining. We hope to display the photographs at St John's Chapel on 12th October, followed by Allenheads at a later date. The exhibition is aimed at visitors and locals alike. The intention being to stimulate interest, learn more about individuals on the photographs and maybe discover more pictures for the publication. Pencil it into your diaries.

Finally, as you will know, Killhope Museum is closed this season to allow major refurbishment to take place in many areas of the site. This is exciting times for Killhope and we hope the work is swift and without problems to allow for a grand opening in 2025.

We look forward to another busy year.

Friends Of Killhope Accounts			
Year Ending	Mar-23	Mar-24	Change
Current Account			
Opening	£ 4,497.01	£ 17,053.35	
Closing	£ 17,053.35	£ 3,780.39	
Increase	£ 12,556.34		
Income	£ 1,341.34	£ 2,589.00	£ 1,247.66
Transfer	-£ 12,847.67	£ 15,000.00	
Expenditure	£ 1,600.68	£ 861.96	-£ 738.72
Change	-£ 259.34	£ 1,727.04	£ 1,986.38
Deposit			
Opening	£ 12,815.68	£ -	
Interest	£ 31.99		
TRF +/- Current	-£ 12,847.67	£ 15,000.00	
Closing	£ -	£ 15,000.00	
CASH at BANK	£ 17,053.35	£ 18,780.39	
Change		£ 1,727.04	
Income			
Interest	£ 31.99	£ 229.23	£ 197.24
Donations	£ 66.00	£ 36.00	-£ 30.00
Gift Aid	£ -	£ 1,112.68	£ 1,112.68
Book sale	£ 40.85	£ 123.60	£ 82.75
Subs	£ 1,202.50	£ 1,087.49	-£ 115.01
Total Income	£ 1,341.34	£ 2,589.00	£ 1,247.66
Expenditure			
Insurance	£ 96.00	£ 96.00	£ -
Website	£ 820.39	£ 60.00	-£ 760.39
Bank Charges	£ 69.20	£ 65.20	-£ 4.00
Postage	£ 194.70	£ 5.32	-£ 189.38
Printing	£ 152.00	£ 615.44	£ 463.44
Fees	£ 234.00	£ -	-£ 234.00
Events	£ -	£ -	£ -
Subs	£ 20.00	£ 20.00	£ -
Zoom	£ 14.39	£ -	-£ 14.39
TFR		£ 15,000.00	
Total Expenses	£ 1,600.68	£ 861.96	
Change	-£ 259.34	£ 1,727.04	£ 1,986.38