

FRIENDS OF HONEYWOOD MUSEUM

England & Wales · Charity number 1175789

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-11-17

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE EDUCATION IN THE ARTS AND IN THE HERITAGE OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF SUTTON FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT.

Activities: The Friends of Honeywood Museum raise funds to support Honeywood Museum and to encourage as many people as possible to take an interest in the local history of the area. The Friends help to pay for additional items to support the work of the museum. We organise regular illustrated talks on all aspects of local history as well as other family events.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Sutton

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£17,678	£16,092	-	-
2024-03-31	£16,503	£21,667	-	-
2023-03-31	£18,518	£15,347	-	-
2022-03-31	£11,764	£8,417	-	-
2021-03-31	£6,081	£5,510	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANTHONY ANDREW PRICE		2019-05-16
Christopher Alan Ford		2020-02-19
Christopher Patrick Cartwright		2019-05-16
Clare Harbridge		2025-06-24
Jill Leonie Whitehead		2022-06-23
John Phillips		2019-05-16
Katy Rainger		2025-05-14
Martin Harbridge		2025-05-14
SUSAN CHRISTINE HOSKIN		2019-05-16

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Structure, Governance and Management

The Friends of Honeywood Museum is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by a Charities Commission Association model constitution. The Trustees for 2024/5 were:

Sue Kelsall (Chairman, died 14 June 2024)
John Phillips (Chairman elected 10 July 2024)
Lucy Kelsall (Secretary)
Christopher Cartwright (Treasurer)
Christopher Ford (Membership Secretary)
Anthony Price (Webmaster)
Susan Hoskin (Talks Secretary)
Jeannette Crosier (Merchandise and Shop Sales)
Jill Whitehead

The Constitution says that there must be between 5 and 12 trustees. Each year a third of our Trustees have to stand down and seek re-election.

The rules adopted by the Trustees allow the co-option up to three non-voting members to the Board. For 2024/25 these have been:

Margo Cartwright
Elizabeth Price

The Procedural Rules also provide that Sutton Council may appoint a local Councillor to act as their Representative at meetings of the Board of Trustees. The Council's Representative is a non-executive attendee and for 2024/25 has been:

Cllr Jake Short

Financial Review

The 2024/5 accounts are in a separate document. Income for the year was £17,678 and expenditure £16,092. The Friends' income continues to come from subscriptions and donations, our regular talks and events and shop sales. The main items of expenditure newsletters and What's On, the maintenance of the garden, the web site, craft materials for children's events, shop stock, speakers' fees, the Zoom account used for Board meetings and insurance.

Cuts in Council funding are making the position of the museum increasingly precarious, and we have for some years kept a substantial sum in reserve to deal with issues that may arise.

This has been a difficult year. With Sue Kelsall's death on 14 June last year we lost a very energetic and active chairman and trustee of long experience. This at a time when the financial pressures on the Council were putting the Museum under increasing pressure. Previous cuts have meant that there was only two full time equivalent posts and a part time assistant to look after three buildings, Honeywood, Whitehall and Little Holland House. One full time equivalent post was to be deleted.

In late July Jane Howard tripped as she was coming into the scullery and shattering her leg bone just below her knee – a serious and very unlucky injury. The damage needed surgery and her recovery has been slow and was initially very painful. She agreed to take voluntary redundancy at the end of March. Jane has been the main driving force at Honeywood for more than three decades and her departure has left a serious gap. Management organised activities in Honeywood have dropped to almost nothing and it is the Friends events that have kept things alive. The cuts have meant that the Council's publicity has become increasingly ineffective, and we have become more dependent on our web site, social media and leaflets. These have, fortunately, long been the most effective publicity channels. Coverage of the reception desk is now entirely dependent on volunteers. There is no member of staff present on Saturdays and also at times on weekdays.

The Friends evening talks have continued very successfully with a wide variety of subjects. Almost all of them sell out.

The school holiday crafts and trails have also done well and have brought in many new and repeat visitors.

The Friends have continued to maintain the garden beds, pots and baskets and also mow the lawn.

The Friends manage the shop in Honeywood which is an important source of income.

We took part in the EcoFair on August bank holiday and our activities and crafts formed a significant part of the Frost Fair in December. The latter coincided with storm Darragh which meant that attendance was lower than usual but it was still a considerable success.

The Friends have published a new local history book – 100 years of a South London Suburb by Jill Whitehead.

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John Phillips

Chairman on behalf of the Trustees

THE FRIENDS OF HONEYWOOD MUSEUM

2023/24		2024/25
Figures £	INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 2024 -2025	
	INCOME	
1,711	Subscriptions	1,873
1,499	Donations	1,455
600	Gift Aid	460
1,000	Grants received - LBS	1,000
	Contribution fo Grotto Fund	120
7,641	Sales of Shop stock	8,282
{ 3,238	} 3,967	4,315
{ 4,403		
3,424	Fund raising Talks, activities and fairs	3,850
628	Interest received	638
16,503		17,678
	LESS EXPENDITURE	
2,175	Postage, printing, advertising and website	4,538
11,375	Purchases for the Honeywood Museum	1,128
	Gifts and Flowers	129
368	Books / Crafts	777
3,895	Shop Stock	5,687
110	Depreciation	158
1,340	Events	1,043
687	Talks	830
518	Insurance & Fees	1,450
132	Bank charges	118
156	Zoom fees	234
20,756		16,092
(4,253)	(LOSS)/SURPLUS ON ACTIVITIES	1,586

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 2025

	ASSETS	
36,829	Current & Deposit Bank Holdings	39,155
-	Cash	0
8,300	Dickinson Silver	8,300
1,258	Fixed Assets	1,100
2,455	Stock of books, cards, maps, stationery etc	1,873
-	Sundry debtors	
48,842		50,428
	LIABILITIES	
48,410	Friends of Honeywood Museum	49,876
432	Grotto Research Fund	552
-	Sundry creditors	
48,842		50,428

Financial Statement of the Friends' accounts up to 31st March 2025

Christopher Cartwright - Honorary Treasurer.

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Trustees' Report for 2023/24

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Financial Review

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The Friends' income continues to come from subscriptions and donations, our regular talks and events and sales from our very popular shop (including duck food sales of course!).

On the expenditure side, there have been the usual costs of printing and sending out our newsletters and What's Ons, and there is the monthly cost of the Friends' Zoom account used at least to hold our regular Board meetings. All valuable ways that we keep in regular touch with our members. Also we do regularly buy new shop stock to keep our shelves well supplied with new and interesting items!

The Board of Trustees has agreed to fund some much-needed conservation work at Honeywood, we have paid over £8,000 for restorations and conservation work on the Drawing Room floor, a particularly important room now with all the Civil Ceremonies taking place there. More of this work will follow. We have also paid for whatever has been necessary as part of our garden restoration project, plants, compost etc, as well as half the cost of the six hanging baskets on display at the front of Honeywood over the summer, which make such a difference to the

appearance of the front of the Museum. Recently the Garden Group has taken over cutting the grass and so the Friends have spent £888 on a mower and strimmer.

The Board has also agreed to buy all the craft materials needed for the very successful craft activities and trails in Honeywood. These are greatly enjoyed by families, adults and children alike! Our thanks go to Margo for the brilliant job she does in organising these activities. We have also paid for storybooks and toys for the various themes, such as rainbows, for children's activities and we always buy special Honeywood pencils for prizes!

Achievements and Performance

The Friends have continued to run regular Book Club sessions, monthly talks, Board of Trustees' meetings, garden volunteers' meetings and meetings with Heritage Service staff.

Our regular, posted, newsletters are always popular with members, very colourful as well as being informative! Many thanks to Tony Price for his wonderful designs for the newsletters and for the Friends' posters, displayed both inside and outside Honeywood and showing how active the Friends are with a full range of events. Also a great many thanks to Tony for his fantastic work on the Friends' website, which is always kept totally up to date and for chasing us all to provide the necessary information!

Tony also runs the Friends' Twitter account and many thanks also to Jeannette who runs, very successfully, the Friends' Facebook page. All these contacts have become so important to us as people rely more and more on social media for information.

Our thanks also go to John Phillips, not just for all the usual and many things he does for the Friends and Honeywood, but also for taking the lead, on behalf of the Friends, with the garden project, working with Jane Howard of the Heritage staff.

Many thanks also to our Secretary, Lucy Kelsall, for all her support in keeping things running, with agendas, minutes and grant applications whenever possible! She also runs our really successful Friends' Book Club, which meets every month (except August) in Honeywood's Drawing Room. They consider a wide range of books chosen by members of the Book Club. It's free to join and even the refreshments are free! As the membership is now at capacity for a friendly, informal group, we have for the first time, had to use a waiting list!

Our talks Secretary, Susan Hoskin, has continued to organise a rich and varied programme of monthly talks. As she organises eight of these a year, this is a considerable task!

We started the year with a talk in April by David Allen on 'The Life of Dame Agatha Christie' exploring the incredible life story of the world-famous crime writer, with wonderful photographs of Agatha and her family.

In May, Peter Wakeham gave a talk on 'The Springs of Carshalton', shedding light

on the springs that formerly flowed in Carshalton and examining their influence on the development of the village and surrounding area.

The 2023 AGM was again very well attended and was followed by a Social event for members, held out in the garden on a lovely evening.

Our July talk was by our very popular speaker, Ian Bevan. The subject was Inigo Jones and his rise from the son of a London cloth-worker to being a favourite of the Royal Court of the Stuart Kings and the acclaim that he won as the first English Architect.

Sutton was involved in the STEAMS Ahead project, exploring science through art and local culture. There were a lot of activities relating to this and the Friends September event was 'The Unexpected Benefits and Uses of Lavender Oil'. Louisa Alessandra Pini, a Holistic and Clinical Aromatherapist gave a talk on the lavender heritage of the area and the different types of lavender oil.

In October we were delighted to have our member and one of our Trustees, Jill Whitehead, talk about 'The History of My House'. The Dukes family of Vienna and Budapest lived in Jill's house from 1946 to 1993, having arrived from Vienna in 1939/40 escaping the Nazis. Jill looked at their lives pre-WW2, how WW2 changed everything and how they escaped to Britain.

In November Alison Weir again supported the Friends' major pre-Christmas event at CryerArts. Her talk this time was on 'Henry VIII The Heart and the Crown' providing details of Henry's lifelong battle between head and heart, love and duty. Alison also sold her books and drew the winning tickets for our successful Autumn Raffle.

We started our 2024 programme with a talk by John Birkett of RSPB Croydon Local Group about 'Birds of Prey'. This illustrated talk looked at various species that are predatory, not just the raptors but e.g. owls and shrikes.

We finished the year as we had started, with a fascinating talk by David Allen, this time on 'The Amazing Mr Dickens!'. David is an incredible speaker and actor, no IT needed! He told the story of Dickens 'rags to riches' life story from his early childhood working in a factory to his illustrious life as a writer and social reformer.

The Friends also ran two special events during the year. We ran a very successful event on Monday 8th May as part of The Big Help Out for the Coronation weekend. This additional Bank Holiday had been designated as a day for community groups and volunteering and we made the most of it! We ran children's games and crafts and gave out lots of information about the Friends from our gazebo in the front of Honeywood. Music was provided by the Wandle Ceilidh Band and the Pennyroyal Clog Dancers and refreshments by the tearoom serving their special Coronation Weekend menu. We were very pleased that other organisations also joined us. In front of Honeywood we had stalls for the Carshalton Old Rectory Association, Carshalton Bowls Club and the Friends of Grove Park.

Then in December we were delighted to again be part of the Frost Fair. The Friends work very closely with Ecolocal on this. It is the most amazing family event, packed full with stalls, choirs, dancers and even a giant hog roast! Thousands visit during the five hours that it runs and nearly 1,000 went into Honeywood although we did not have all rooms available to us because of building works taking place. Santa was kept busy in his grotto and Storytelling and Magic shows in the Drawing Room were all fully booked. Our Children's crafts were run from Ecolocal's recently refurbished Garden Room and again were totally sold out. It was a really successful afternoon both for publicity for Honeywood and for fundraising.

As we enter our next year we all know that local government finance is extremely stretched. Honeywood is going to depend even more on our fundraising and our volunteers. 2023/24 was an extremely successful year and we need to keep at it!

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2022/23
Figures
£

2023/24

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 2023 -2024

INCOME

1,758		Subscriptions		1,711
1,548		Donations		1,499
423		Gift Aid		600
800		Grants received - LBS		1,000
-				
107		Contributions by LBS - (Hanging baskets)		
10,722	{	5,311		Sales of Shop stock
	}	5,411	3,238	7,641
			4,403	
2,980				Fund raising Talks, activities, raffle and fairs
180				3,424
				Interest received
				628
18,518				16,503

LESS EXPENDITURE

3,236		Postage, printing, advertising and website		2,175
3,212		Purchases for the Honeywood Museum		12,263
		Gifts and Flowers		
667		Books / Crafts		368
5,835		Shop Stock		4,028
		Depreciation		
997		Events		1,340
535		Talks		687
539		Insurance & Fees		518
138		Bank charges		132
188		Zoom fees		156
15,347				21,667

LOSS/SURPLUS ON ACTIVITIES

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 2024

ASSETS

41,993		Current & Deposit Bank Holdings		36,829
-		Cash		
8,300		Dickinson Silver		8,300
480		Fixed Assets		1,258
2,322		Stock of books, cards, maps, stationery etc		2,455

-	Sundry debtors	
<u>53,095</u>		<u>48,842</u>
	LIABILITIES	
52,663	Friends of Honeywood Museum	48,410
432	Grotto Research Fund	432
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Christopher Cartwright - Honorary Treasurer. This account is an Interim Account up to 31st March 2024.
The Friends have audit arrangements involving an Independent Examination by ASP accounts and final figures will be available at the AGM.

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In April our local transport historian, John Parkin, gave a talk with lots of illustrations entitled 'The Disappearing - local scenes with buses and trains over the years.

In May we had a talk and tour of the historic All Saints Parish Church, Carshalton, with a history going back, at least to the Norman Conquest.

Last year's AGM in June was the first to be held in Honeywood since the start of the pandemic. 47 members attended and after the meeting in the Drawing Room a social gathering was held out in the garden.

In July we had a talk on the history of Southwark Cathedral, which probably started in the 7th Century. In September we welcomed back our regular and very popular speaker, Ian Bevan, who gave a very informative talk on Edwardian Leisure, the first era to enjoy leisure time.

In October we held a special event to mark Black History Month. The Friends worked with SACCO (Sutton African and Caribbean Cultural Organisation) and ASKI who gave a special talk on 'The Windrush Generation' and their cultural influences, including all the new foods introduced to this country at the time.

We then had an incredibly successful event with Alison Weir on 1st December. Alison is a wonderful supporter of Honeywood and The Friends. We all look forward to her pre-Christmas event and this has grown from filling the Billiards Room in Honeywood to filling the theatre at Cryer Arts! Around 140 people, the largest audience we have ever had, enjoyed a very special evening. Her talk was on 'Queens in the age of Chivalry'. Alison then drew the winning tickets for our very popular Autumn Raffle, with over 500 tickets sold, it's a very good fundraiser for the Friends.

Our next talk was at the end of this March when a speaker from the RSPB Croydon branch spoke about local birds including our garden birds and with birdsong. As with all our talks currently this was a sold out event.

The Friends also ran two special events during the year. We had a successful event for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend. On Saturday 4th June we were outside Honeywood with appropriately themed children's crafts and performances by the Carshalton Ceilidhs, Penny Royal Clog Dancers, Madder Mill Morris and All Saints' Primary School Choir. It was a really lovely afternoon and lots of visitors came along to enjoy it all.

For our second event, it was wonderful to have a full Frost Fair back, the first since 2019, on Saturday 3rd December. In the intervening years, The Friends have run Christmas events at Honeywood, but there is nothing like the Frost Fair! The Friends run everything inside Honeywood and in the Friends gazebo in Honeywood Walk. We work closely with Ecolocal who organise the craft and food stalls in Honeywood Walk, Festival Walk and the Memorial Gardens, as well as all the outside entertainment of singing and dancing.

It was an incredibly popular event, with thousands attending. In Honeywood there were nearly 1,500 visitors about as many as we can cope with and we did have to display our

'House Full' sign for a while! Our wonderful Santa was fully booked all afternoon, the children's crafts sold out, the Magic shows were all fully booked with the popular Steve Day, the free storytelling sessions were very successful and shop sales went really well. In the Friends gazebo the children's games were very busy and the Lucky Dip sold out!

One important project was successfully completed. A few years ago, Sutton's Heritage Service and The Friends were approached by the local Rotary Club. They wanted a suitable memorial to their long-time member, George Blanks, who had set up Elwyns double glazing, still trading in Carshalton High Street. He had been very active with the Rotary Club in Carshalton.

The Friends took on the suggested project, to replace the Information Board outside Honeywood. The board was looking faded and grubby! It displayed the ducks that could be seen on the ponds, but the information was out of date. It was agreed that the new board would show the Heritage sites that could be seen from that spot (and also just behind!) The Rotary Club provided a substantial donation to cover the cost.

We used local artist, Helena Vaughan, to design the new board, with all the Heritage information provided by John Phillips. Work was progressing well until the pandemic brought everything to a halt. However, we did manage to get back to this last year. We completed the lovely design with Helena. Then a local firm, recommended to us by the Council, refurbished the legs and frame and put the new board in place. This finally happened the day before the Frost Fair!

We think you will agree that the new Board looks great and is also very informative about the local sites and history. It is a fitting tribute to George Blanks, who is referred to on the board. The design also includes swans, as George was instrumental in getting them back on the ponds.

With the Friends also having their large gazebo at the Eco-Fair on the August Bank Holiday Monday with lots of children's activities, it was a very busy and successful year.

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-	Grants received - LBS	800						
399	Contribution for Garden Bench							
-	Contribution - Rotary Club - Information Board							
129	Contributions by LBS - (Hanging baskets)	107						
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3,151		Sales of Shop stock	5,311					
4,037	SumUp Card Payments	5,411						
1,350	Fund raising Talks, activities, raffle and fairs	2,980						
4	Interest received	180						
11,764		18,518						
	LESS EXPENDITURE							
1,540	Postage, printing, advertising and website	3,236						
1,881	Purchases for the Honeywood Museum	3,212						
30	Gifts and Flowers							
15	Books / Crafts	667						
3,581	Shop Stock	5,835						
89	Depreciation							
101	Events	997						
415	Talks	535						
586	Insurance & Fees	539						
35	Bank charges	138						
144	Zoom fees	188						
8,417		15,347						
	LOSS/SURPLUS ON ACTIVITIES							
	BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 2023							
	ASSETS							
38,822	Current & Deposit Bank Holdings	41,993						
-	Cash	-						
8,300	Dickinson Silver	8,300						
829	Fixed Assets	480						
2,969	Stock of books, cards, maps, stationery etc	2,322						
-	Sundry debtors	-						
50,920		53,095						
	LIABILITIES							
50,488	Friends of Honeywood Museum	50,341						
432	Grotto Research Fund	432						
-	Sundry creditors	-						
50,920		53,095						

Christopher Cartwright - Honorary Treasurer. This account is an Interim Account up to 31st March 2023. The Friends have new audit arrangements involving an independent investigation by ASP accounts and final figures will be available at the AGM.

FRIENDS OF HONEYWOOD MUSEUM

England & Wales - Charity number 1175789

Accounts

The Friends of Honeywood Museum

Trustees Report for 2020/21

Charitable Incorporated Organisation No 1175789

This is the third AGM of The Friends of Honeywood Museum as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and it is now the second one to be conducted by post! All the documents that we are required to send you are included in the AGM pack you have received and are listed on the Agenda page. They include the Annual Accounts which, along with this Trustees Report, need to be agreed to be sent to the Charity Commission.

The headings in this report follow the Charity Commission's guidance notes on the information that charities must set out in their annual report.

Objectives and Activities

The objects of The Friends of Honeywood Museum are as follows:

- To advance the heritage and arts within the London Borough of Sutton for public benefit
- To advance education in the heritage of the London Borough of Sutton for public benefit

All of the activities of the Friends, referred to below, have been in support of these objects.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Friends of Honeywood Museum is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by a Charities Commission Association model constitution. The Trustees are as follows:

Susan Kelsall (Chairman)

Lucy Kelsall (Secretary)

Christopher Cartwright (Treasurer)

Christopher Ford (Membership Secretary)

Anthony Price (Webmaster)

Susan Hoskin (Talks Secretary)

Jeannette Crosier

John Phillips

As this is the third AGM under our new Charitable Incorporated Organisation Constitution a third of our Trustees have to stand down and seek re-election. The Trustees have agreed to go through this process in alphabetical order, which means that this year the following Trustees are standing down and seeking re-election:

Lucy Kelsall

Sue Kelsall

John Phillips

Tony Price

A voting paper is enclosed in your AGM pack. Please complete this, sign and date it and return it in the SAE also enclosed.

The Board of Trustees has adopted Rules covering Procedural Rules, Financial Rules, Membership Rules and a Data Protection Procedure. These Rules regulate the way that the Trustees operate and are kept under review to make sure they reflect current good practice. Under the Procedural Rules, the Board of Trustees consists of a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Secretary (all Trustees) and up to six other Trustees. At the end of the year 2020/21 there were four other Trustees.

The Board of Trustees has the power to co-opt up to three non-voting members to the Board and for 2020/21 these have been:

Margo Cartwright

Steve Morris

Elizabeth Price

The Procedural Rules also provide that Sutton Council may appoint a local Councillor to act as their Representative at meetings of the Board of Trustees. The Council's Representative is a non-executive attendee and is currently:

Cllr Jake Short

Financial Review

Accounts for the year 2020/21 are set out separately as part of the Treasurer's Report. This has obviously been a very different and difficult year for the Friends. We have continued to receive subscription income and, besides the Treasurer's Report, there is also a separate Membership Secretary's Report. There has been a limited amount of shop sales from the brief times that Honeywood was able to open and otherwise from the sale of duck food, thanks to John Pepper in the tearoom! Susan Hoskin has

been doing brilliantly with our talks via Zoom and YouTube and, even at just £4 for a connection, a significant amount of money has been raised. More on that later!

On the expenditure side, there have been the usual costs of sending out our newsletters, and there is the monthly cost of the Friends' Zoom account. All valuable ways that we have been able to keep in touch with our members.

Achievements and Performance

The Friends have done really well to keep things running and keep in touch with members in these difficult times. Our thanks must go to Lucy Kelsall, who, as a Primary School teacher, had to get to grips with new technologies from the start of the first lockdown. Thanks to her the Friends have a monthly Zoom account, which can be used as often as necessary, and the Friends also have their own private YouTube channel. This has enabled us to continue with regular Book Club sessions, monthly talks, Board of Trustees' meetings, garden volunteers' meetings, meetings with Heritage Service staff etc etc!

Obviously everything totally stopped at the start of our 20/21 year and we cancelled a couple of book club sessions and all our talks through until the summer as well as our summer family activities.

But then we recovered! We just started doing everything in a different way. So the 2020 AGM was held by post (and who would have thought that we would still be in that position in 2021!).

Sue Horne had been due to give a talk on the Carshalton Old Rectory and very gamely said she would do a YouTube talk instead. So she and Lucy got together when they could and made the recording which was on our YouTube channel for 24 hours. Thank you so much Sue for getting things underway again! We have since been doing Zoom talks and Ian Bevan, the City of London Guide we have used often in the past, has been brilliant at this. Our thanks go to Susan Hoskin for organising all this and sending out up to 60 links for each talk. We have certainly been reaching more people than we can usually pack into Honeywood's Billiards Room!

Lucy has also been running very lively monthly Book Club sessions on Sunday afternoons, although they have all had to organise their own tea and cake! The group choose their own books and so a wide range of tastes are catered for! Lucy runs quizzes and puzzles and they have also set up a very active WhatsApp group.

We have also been keeping in touch with members through our regular, posted, newsletters. Many thanks to Tony Price for his wonderful designs for the newsletters and for the Friends posters, displayed outside

Honeywood and showing that we are still active. Also a great many thanks to Tony for his fantastic work on the Friends' website, which is always kept totally up to date and has the most wonderful on-line exhibitions, including one on local Picture Postcards, with lovely historic images and an informative commentary. Also Tony has produced word searches, puzzles and colouring sheets to stop us getting bored!

Many thanks also to Jeannette who runs, very successfully, the Friends' Facebook page. All these contacts have become so important to us.

When Honeywood re-opened on a limited basis at the end of July, the Friends paid for the printing of two children's activity leaflets to help them enjoy and appreciate their visit to Honeywood. These were called 'Lets Discover Honeywood' and a 'Wandle Wander'. An activity pack put together by the Friends was available for just £1 each, just a little over cost price. Each leaflet was in a separate paper bag with a small pack of colouring pencils and a special Honeywood pencil (again funded by the Friends).

We have also managed to do some conservation work in Honeywood. In one of the breaks from lockdown last summer the Friends paid for 'Art with Glass' (based in Crystal Palace!) to repair some of the stained glass, in the Drawing Room and on the Edwardian staircase. They did a really good job. But also the main person we met doing the work was brought up in The Greyhound and walked past Honeywood every day on his way to school. He is also related to Frank Dickinson of Little Holland House. Not only did they do a brilliant job but they also gave the Friends a very welcome donation of £150!

Also over the summer we developed, with local artist Helena Vaughan, a mascot for Honeywood. He is a very lovely elephant, called Edward! The Trustees agreed to use an elephant because of the very popular photograph of circus elephants in the pond outside Honeywood in the 1900s. Edward is now used on the website and in our newsletters. He will be developed further in future, so look out for him!

Our thanks also go to John Phillips, not just for all the usual things he does for the Friends and Honeywood, but also for taking the lead, on behalf of the Friends, with the garden project, working with Jane Howard of the Heritage staff. We really hope to make the garden a more attractive and useable space. John and Tony have developed a wonderful section on the Friends' website, providing a fascinating description of the garden and its history. John is also writing a regular blog about developments.

Unfortunately all the Friends' big events of the year had to be cancelled, so there were no events in the back garden and no Environmental Fair or Frost Fair. At the time of writing all of these have already been cancelled

for 2021 as well, with the possible exception of the Frost Fair, which is too early to predict.

We will see what sort of Report we can write for 2021/22!

Reference and Administrative details

Charity Name	The Friends of Honeywood Museum
Registered Charity number	1175789
Charity's Principal Address	46, Upland Road, Sutton SM2 5JE

The Friends of Honeywood Museum

Treasurer's Report

2020-21 has certainly been a different year from previous years. The Friends and members have had to get used to paying for subscriptions, talks etc in different ways to paying cash. Although both the Friends income and expenditure have been greatly reduced it still enabled the Friends to achieve a surplus of £571. In the present circumstances this is more than we expected at the start of the year.

Membership subscriptions, although down on the previous year, still provide the Friends with a large source of income and in turn, with other generous donations, enable a huge boost from Gift Aid to add a further £904. I should also say a big thank you to the members who paid for talks that were unable to go ahead because of the pandemic and donated the money instead.

It has also been a fantastic year for talks which has been achieved by incredible time and effort by the Friends Talks Secretary Susan Hoskin. I also thank our members for overcoming the sometimes tricky method of BACS payment in purchasing their tickets for these talks raising £886.

Shop sales are understandably down but still generated a healthy source of income for the Friends.

Postage, printing, advertising and insurance are still a large part of the Friends expenditure amounting to £2,370.

As I said in last year's report the Friends are currently holding a Public Realm Grant of £2,000 to provide a new Information Board outside Honeywood Museum. This has been increased by a further £650 contribution from the Rotary Club. The work on this is still ongoing.

There were three main projects the Friends completed last year which included repairing some of the stained glass windows (a big thank you to Art with Glass for donating a large part of the fee back to the Friends of Honeywood Museum). The framing of the Honeywood Embroidery sample, and of course the development of Edward the Elephant. The work in the garden is ongoing.

Also, a Just Giving site has been set up for anyone wishing to donate to the Friends of Honeywood Museum.

The Friends of Honeywood Museum are pleased to have managed a successful year through the pandemic and hope we are able to resume normal service in the near future. We are grateful for your continued support through your subscriptions, supporting the Friends' events and donations.

Chris Cartwright, Treasurer.

12th June 2021

FRIENDS OF HONEYWOOD MUSEUM

2019/20		2020/21	
Figures	INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 2020 -2021	Figures	
£	INCOME	£	
1,598	Subscriptions	1,407	
3,291	Donations	557	
920	Gift Aid	904	
870	Grants received - LBS	-	
2,000	Grant to replace Information Board	-	
-	Contribution - Rotary Club - Information Board	650	
127	Contributions by LBS - (Hanging baskets)	-	
8,380	{ 7,299 Sales of Shop stock £1,081 SumUp Card Payments	919 } 745 }	1,664
3,650		Fund raising Talks, activities, raffle and fairs	886
60	Interest received	13	
<u>20,896</u>		<u>6,081</u>	
	LESS EXPENDITURE		
1,988	Postage, printing, advertising and website	1,829	
3,009	Purchases for the Honeywood Museum	1,760	
50	Gifts and Flowers	-	
202	Books	83	
6,650	Shop Stock	873	
241	Depreciation	250	
817	Events	-	
544	Talks	88	
636	Insurance & Fees	541	
1,000	To LBS (from Donation Box)	-	
-	Zoom fees	86	
<u>15,137</u>		<u>5,510</u>	
5,759	LOSS/SURPLUS ON ACTIVITIES	571	
	BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 2021		
	ASSETS		
34,566	Current & Deposit Bank Holdings	35,387	
36	Cash	-	
8,300	Dickinson Silver	8,300	
929	Fixed Assets	749	
4,738	Stock of books, cards, maps, stationery etc	4,354	
-	Sundry debtors	-	
<u>48,569</u>		<u>48,790</u>	
	LIABILITIES		
48,137	Friends of Honeywood Museum	48,358	
432	Grotto Research Fund	432	
-	Sundry creditors	-	
<u>48,569</u>		<u>48,790</u>	

Christopher Cartwright - Honorary Treasurer.

This statement represents a fair view of the Friends' accounts up to
 Alan Crosier - Honorary Auditor.

31st March 2021