



Registered Charity 1188392

Chairman's Report 2022/23

Introduction

It is my great pleasure to write the eight Chairman's report for NAP.

Executive Committee

For the past year, the Executive Committee has comprised: Patrick Candler, (Chairman); David Newport, (Vice-Chairman); Sue Longden, (Treasurer); Stephen Walker, Judy Bullin, Trish Davis, Amanda Gibbons. Emma Terry is our Secretary, with Anne Garfoot our minute taker. The Committee has met on four occasions.

The City Council has been represented by Rachael Evans, Mick Smurthwaite, Ron Inglis and Sophie Hollinshead.

Governance

NAP is formally registered as a Charity. Our Governance model is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation which will help us with fund raising and give us greater credence with potential sponsors and funders.

NAP Vision

The NAP Vision, originally agreed in 2014, remains a key document which underpins the work that the Partnership continues to pursue.

World Monuments Fund

During the course of the past year, we have remained in contact with the WMF and in particular the Chief Executive, John Darlington, who is supportive of the work that we do.

New Projects

During the course of the year, the Committee has been considering what might be the next phase of works which will need funding. We have been in discussions with the City Council as they are in the process of submitting a new capital bid to invest in for a range of significant improvements to the Abbey, and, as part of their funding application, they will need to evidence community support. This is part of a longer term commitment on behalf of the Partnership.

NAP has continued to support the work of the volunteers in getting the gardens tidied up and re-planted.

Shades of Heroes

David Newport was able to complete his book on the Abbey and it was agreed that we should help get this published. With funding from M2M, 100 copies were printed and these have been available to buy at the Abbey and other book shops.

We also tried to get a video made of the Abbey by a couple of local filmmakers, but unfortunately, the complexities and timing for this scheme proved difficult to manage.

Life of Byron

During the year, David Newport re-worked the format of the Byronathon into the Life of Byron and this was performed at the Byron Festival in July. Special thanks must go to all the volunteer readers who have given up a lot of time for rehearsals and the performances.

April 2024 – bi-centenary of Byron's Death

Early in the year, NAP was keen to get involved in the commemorations of the death of Byron. There may be a range of activities that we could support, but it is important that we do not compete with others. At the time of writing, we are not entirely sure what is being planned, but we would like to follow this up in the coming months.

Events

A visit to the house and gardens of Miranda Seymour at Thrumpton Hall was organised in May and 18 members were able to take part.

Communications

This is still an area that requires some improvement, and consideration has been given to how best this can be achieved. Unfortunately the NAP web-site went down and it has not been possible to revive it.

Likewise, our social media presence is not as proactive as we would like, so there is new work that can be developed here.

We also need to think of other ways of getting the NAP message out and meeting the requirements and aspirations of NAP members and non-members.

The Future

We recognise that there is still a lot of work to do and there is very good potential for NAP to be at the forefront of developing a greater protection, preservation and promotion of Newstead Abbey.

Thanks

It is always appropriate at this juncture to thank all those who have supported the work of the NAP in whatever way they can.

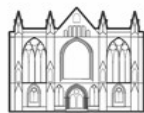
The Executive Committee has worked throughout the year to keep the organisation going - so thanks to David, Sue, Stephen, Judy, Amanda, Trish, Emma and Anne.

We are also grateful for the support of the City Council and staff at the Abbey who give us constructive advice and guidance.

Our funder, the World Monuments Fund, remains a very influential body, without whose support we would not be where we are today.

And finally, to all Members of NAP who have been part of the group in their support for the improvements to Newstead Abbey.

Dr Patrick Candler
Chairman, NAP.
12.9.23



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