



Whittlesey Mud Walls Group
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Survey report + Agenda

At our Whittlesey Festival event, we'd had a number of people who spoke to Annette expressing interest in surveying walls for us, so we met at the museum on Saturday 24th September to hear what we'd be required to do, and it was encouraging to see some new faces.

David Hancock led us through the make up of the walls, and problems that befall them with help from Annette's photos and Robert's experienced comments, which appeared to be well understood.

We then went out to do some practical work by surveying some walls. This was useful to our new volunteers, as they were able to see firsthand problems, such as a broken capping tile and the damp patch on the wall immediately beneath it, and with our help they learnt many more cause and effect issues of these walls. It also highlighted the issue of getting access to both sides of the wall, which they'll have to address as they progress.

However, we were all pleasantly surprised by how well we were welcomed when we arrived at the properties. It appears our promotional work was successful in making people aware of us. When we visited Mr & Mrs Kilburn, we were even treated to tea and biscuits! Thanks to you both for your hospitality, it was most welcome.

As we were surveying, our volunteers were each filling out forms on each wall, with measurements, drawings and comments. We've now assessed these, and found that overall, they've done very well and their information will be useful to us, so we'd like you to do some more for us. We'd originally planned to go out on Saturday 8th October, but we learnt that not enough people would be available that day, so we have had to rearrange it for Saturday 29th October at 10.30am. Meet at the museum as before, and we'll tell you what we want you to do.

Our regular group meeting was held on Wednesday 5th October, the minutes of which will be sent to you soon.

I would also like to give you advance warning of next year's Whittlesey Festival, which will take place on Sunday 10th September 2017. I'm telling you this as we intend to stage our event again, as Rose has given permission to use the Black Bull's yard again, and we will therefore require volunteers, so we would appreciate it if you could keep that date and the week before free, in order to be able to assist us. Thank you.

Agenda for 5th October

- 1 Welcome & apologies
- 2 Meeting times
- 3 Katie's report
- 4 Constitution
- 5 Treasurer
- 6 Bank account
- 7 Payments due for festival meal
- 8 Alteration to 'hand out' leaflet
- 9 Survey results & next meeting
- 10 Masonry bees
- 11 New wall found
- 12 SPAB emails
- 13 Heritage application
- 14 Future plans
- 15 Scouts activity badge
- 16 AOB

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