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This report is for the period from 6th September 2017 to 5th September 2018.

This has, on reflection, been a very busy year. Judging from the number of emails which fly around between board members, it almost gives the impression that we do nothing else but Glossop Heritage.

We have had two open evenings during the year. In autumn 2017 Nigel Dunkerley continued with his series of talks on World War 1. Appropriately he spoke about 1917 and of course Paschendale. As ever he wove some Glossop lives into his tale. At the time of preparing this report and although it is outside our report period, Nigel is presenting a series of six talks on the First World War. Nigel always attracts a good audience and his autumn talk in 2017 was no exception.

After our AGM in November 2017 Roger Hargreaves presented a talk on the Heritage Lottery Fund bid for the Glossop Public Halls.

Our Spring open evening was Roger again talking about recent developments in local archaeology, a fascinating subject which was well received.

Our Blue Plaque, delayed from 2017, related to Howard Park and honoured the family of John Wood who developed one of the largest textile mills in England. Marks and Spencer, Wetherspoons and Travelodge now occupy it's site. Our Blue Plaque event in good weather coincided with the Friends of Howard Park's summer gala and on the same thing, I lead an evening walk, again in good weather, around Howard Park concluding at Rueben's Retreat in the Lodge of the former Wood's Hospital, where we were entertained with light refreshments. The walk as ever was reasonably well attended, helped by the weather. We were grateful for the support of Rueben's Retreat.

As usual we put in an attendance at the Old Glossop Christmas Market. We also had a presence in Glossop Christmas Market which Terry Revell organised. The two Christmas Markets together raised £400.00 for the Trust.

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The removal of Glossop Library has seen much activity in connection with the local studies archive there, much of which, under the watchful eye of Mike Brown, has come into our possession. This in turn creates issues relating to storage and archiving and scanning it so that it's held electronically rather than in paper format.

Graham Hadfield has had more time to deal with our website and the fruits of his efforts are immediately apparent with the large increase of material going on to it, and which he flags up on Facebook.

Our calendar ran once again successfully. Kate Best and Lynda Meehan should be proud of their efforts in connection with it. The calendar of course for 2019 is now available at the same price of £6.50 and extremely good value.

Talks again have continued to be provided by various Trust members. These in turn provide an income for the Trust.

At the suggestion of Terry Revell, we have joined the Derbyshire Museums Forum and Mike Brown and Terry attended its event in Creswell Crags on the 28th July taking exhibition boards, flyers and sales items. This was in an endeavour to demonstrate that life and heritage did exist in Derbyshire north of the A6.

Membership of the Forum does however give us access to guidance as to our future role, the availability of grants and the requirements which we might need to satisfy, and is generally felt to be for our benefit.

We have continued to maintain a presence in discussions with the local authority and the Victoria Arts Project relating to the Glossop Public Halls principally fronted by Roger Hargreaves and Kate Raine.

We have continued to enjoy the support of High Peak Borough Council with it's annual grant, and from councillors George and Jean Wharmby who have kindly provided a grant of £400.00 which covered the cost of the Blue Plaque.

It's very pleasing to note that this year the membership has increased and we now number 104. Such numbers do give us a bit of clout when dealing with public bodies.

I as ever express my thanks to all those who assist the Trust to larger or smaller extents, particularly those volunteers who are not on the board and who give up much time and skills in many different ways. Without your efforts nothing would happen.

Tony Wright
October 2018

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