

MILTON KEYNES HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

Members Meeting 22 June 2022 Roade Village Hall
Courtesy of Roade Village History Society



Roade Village Hall

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introduction Robert Excell & Chris Hillyard of Roade Local History Society)
2. Last Members Meeting [Minutes of Zoom meeting on 24th March 2022](#)
3. Matters arising inc. EDI
4. Committee vacancies - Catherine McIntyre, Cheryl Butler and Michael Whittle retiring
5. Arch-MK update (Robert Excell & Anna McAvoy + all).
6. Council report (Shane Downer)
7. Heritage Open Days (Robert Excell)
8. Discover MK exhibition CMK Library (Robert Excell)
9. New Town Heritage Register (Charlotte Hall & Robert Excell)
10. Festival of History 2023 (Robert Excell)
11. Progress at the Wednesday Web/IT sessions (David Muston)
12. Treasurer's report (Charlotte Hall)
13. Grants (Neil Loudon)
14. Members reports(all)
15. AOB
16. Next Meeting date

ITEM 1 : Introduction Robert Excell and Chris Hillyard

Topics:

- Members response to post COVID heritage world
- Thanks to Catherine McIntyre (standing down from Exec Committee)

2. Minutes of Zoom Meeting 24 March 2022

- Any errors or omissions?
- Approval of previous Minutes

3. Matters Arising

- Equality, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) in the heritage sector*
- Any others not covered by following items

*Neil Loudon to report under item 13 Grants

4. MKHA Executive Committee - Vacancies

Positions available for three new committee members

What's required:

- Approx. 10/11 executive meetings per year
- Committee members also attend MKHA quarterly meetings (including AGM)
- Secretary takes notes and produces minutes from existing template
- Supported by other MKHA officers

5. ArchMK Update - Robert Excell & David Muston

Conclusion and Next Steps project plan:

- **Successful first workshop held at Rectory Cottages**
- **New groups recruited to project:**
 - **Buckingham Old Gaol - OGB**
 - **Calverton Records Project - CRP**
 - **The National Museum of Computing - TNMoC**
 - **Two Villages Archive Trust –TVAT**

Jacqui Garrod of TNMoC offered to host following meetings

5. ArchMK Update - Robert Excell & David Muston

Follow-on activities:

- **Ellie Pridgeon's presentations and notes updated with examples from previous programme**
- **Training Sessions held on:**
 - **Care and Handling**
 - **Copyright and Digitisation**
- **£150 grant per group agreed for archive materials**
- **Final Training session set for 22 July**

6. MK Council Report – Shane Downer

**MKHA Members Meeting
Wednesday 22 June 2002
Roade Village Hall**

**Culture Team Report
Shane Downer – MK Council**



Milton Keynes - Update

- Awarded **City Status** at Fourth attempt!
Thriving Innovative Urban City with Historic Market Towns and Villages
- WEURO 2022 Heritage Programme
 - Collections Roadshows
 - Exhibitions Station Square/Library
 - OU Talks and Photo Competitions
 - Match Day events 8, 12, 16, 27 (SF)
- Archives in Residence – Summer 22
 - Alison Davies, Urban Fabric
- Homeworld Futures - Autumn 2022
 - Pooleyville
 - International New Town

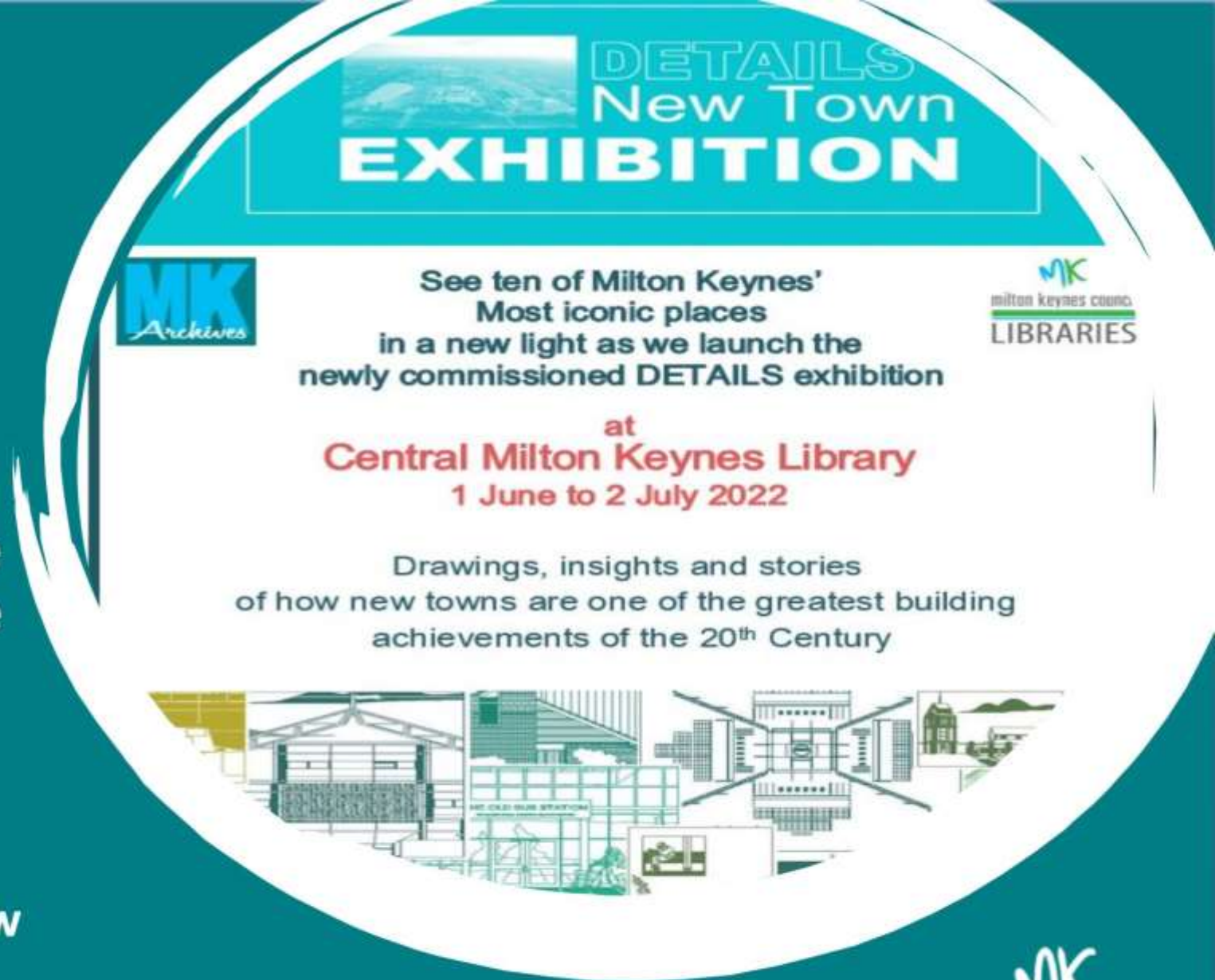


MK Archive Phase 1

Central Library and Local Studies

- New Strongroom
- New Town Collections focus - the Building of a city, past and future
- Contemporary collecting
- Link to priority neighbourhoods

Arch:MK - MKHA Member groups assess their own collections and how they will link (or not) to MK Archive





New Towns Sports Cities

Lead: Grand Paris Sud (FR)
Milton Keynes, Nissewaard
(NL), Nova Gorica (SLO)

Co-funded by the
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Digital Apps

- Homeworld at 40 – enabled combination of interpretation Boards with Digital Trails App
- A QR Code on the Board links people to www.mktrails.org App giving much more digital content, photos and archives
- A new approach to mapping heritage and culture in the public realm for people to explore.



GO2025 – An Urban Utopia

18.01.2025

A BRAVE NEW WORLD

A cluster of projects, dedicated to the industrial heritage of the region and the development of New Dniepr is a new town, an urban utopia, created by the well-known architects, urban artists, cultural and educational solutions, incorporating a unique pattern of industrial activities.

AS INITIO - AN URBAN UTOPIA

By Brad Kessel

A project about rediscovering the value of New Dniepr's industrial heritage and reimagining the process of building a new urban area from scratch.

New Dniepr is a town, built on hills, four levels, the first planned new town in post-war Yugoslavia. However, the original plan was never completed due to both economic and changing urban priorities. The aim of our project is to rediscover the industrial heritage of the city. The research phase included a five-year in-depth analysis of all the historical sites in town, the replication of good practices in other European countries and a series of interviews that reveal New Dniepr is only 70 years old, which means that many of the inhabitants are even older than their town. The objective will be an online museum that will not only represent the history and heritage of New Dniepr, but also provide the re-reading of knowledge, stories and insights between experts and the local population and connect New Dniepr to other new towns. The most interesting information will be presented in a sound guide. A virtual museum will be created, which will represent a digital database containing all the information gathered during the research process.

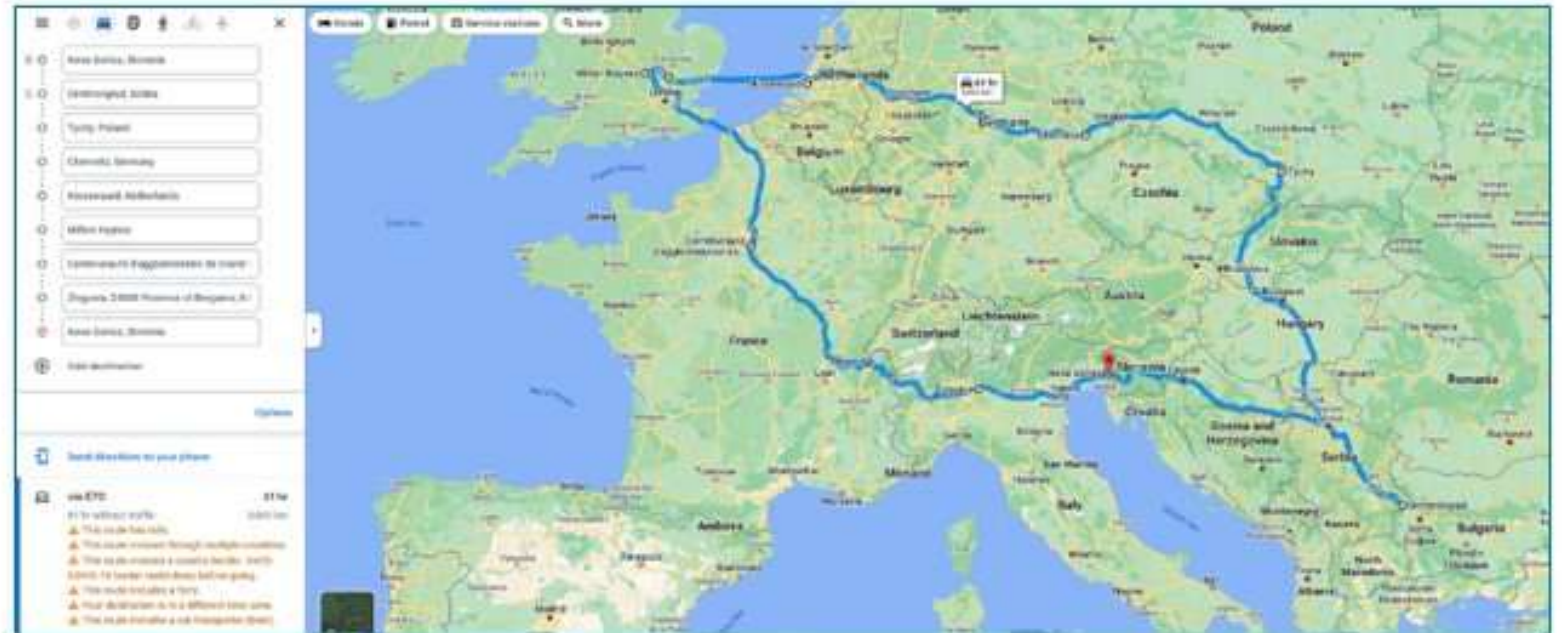
New Dniepr has an initial form as much older than most, and through most of them remain on the drawings and renderings of long forgotten plans. What became the new city is an accumulation of fragments and components of these plans. Starting to know the historical and current layers of this city is the first professional research. **Renowned design practices** is a tool for reading multiple layers of the young and complex city. The VR interactive architecture of the new completed online museum will enable the inhabitants as well as visitors to experience the plan that built and reshaped urban areas where the city was later built, the original plan, as well as later plans, all automatically as they will move through the space and experience the city as it has become. The experience of multiple urban visions will draw attention to the richness and complexity of the young city's history - as well as pointing out the opportunities for development in the future.

In collaboration with representatives from other European new towns, we will propose a draft for the creation of an international European cultural route through new towns. This is **ATIN** is the only EU cultural route, which focuses on new towns, cities and towns.

MINERS FESTIVAL AND DWELLING
By Matevž Šturm (2022)

A festival and a heritage restoration project to rethink and reuse mine's heritage.

Industrial mine have always been a breeding ground for social culture activities - from factory architecture work shops, sewing parlors and processors, clubs and engineering skills. **MINERS** festival mining town Miro is one of such places. **Industrial Culture Festival and Mining Housing on the Intersection between Heritage and Creativity** are projects designed to strengthen the culture of processing and mining, being the 'old' industrial heritage with the 'new' **Balkanstyle** art, highlighting opportunities for the repositioning of abandoned mine into opportunities and for the use of high-tech, the creativity and inventiveness of the 'old town'. The **Art Industrial Culture Festival** will take place in 2025 as a part of the **United project** (United Nations Slovenia). The work on the second project has the year reimagined of the COVID-19 pandemic of a landscape mining house. The purpose of the restoration staff architectural activities, such



Young People, our future 'Cultural Ambassadors' creating Heritage and Cultural Routes across Europe



Thank you

Shane

7. Heritage Open Days – Robert Excell

News update

- MK already has **50+** HODs registered groups running over 200 event sessions (and still counting!)
- Possibility of up to 250 events locally
- Still time to register your group if interested



Heritage Open Days 2022 - 9th-18th September

8. Discover MK exhibition CMK Library



DETAILS New Town

- New Exhibition features the Art and Architectural details of the first New Towns (Stevenage) and one of the last (MK). Runs until 30 July
- Current exhibition commemorates VE Day showing how people in Milton Keynes celebrated the 75th anniversary of VE Day during Lockdown

9. New Town Heritage Register



Neath Hill Clock Tower



Downs Barn Ecumenical Church

- Examples of potential assets identified by Conservation and Archaeology Team (not yet on register)
- Robert Excell confirmed as MKHA representative on NTHR Panel
- 'Inception' meeting to be arranged

10. Festival of History 2023 (Robert Excell)

PLANS RE-ASSESSED



- Important to keep it a free event
- HLF funding deemed unlikely for 2 day festival
- Current festival plans cancelled for June 2023
- Refocus to 1 day event utilising available funds
- Ideas sought around strapline.....

***“Celebrating the History and Culture of ALL the people of
Milton Keynes”***

11. MK Web/IT update – David Muston



- Currently sessions run every fortnight
- New switch box allows screen sharing
- Alternate weeks sessions on zoom
- Open to representatives from any group

11. MK Web/IT update – David Muston



- Two new software features introduced (plug-ins)
- **‘Foo Gallery’** for collections of images
 - **‘Photosphere’** for immersive 3D panoramas

<http://mkheritagetest.org.uk/calverton-magazine/test-person-group/>

<https://www.mkheritage.org.uk/odhs/test-a-selection-of-olney-postcards/>

12. Treasurers Report – Charlotte Hall

Banking / Money Matters: (as at 16/06/22)

Treasurers Account : £15,112.31

Business Account : £3,436.16

Hampshire Account : £5,396.06

Total: £23,944.53

13. Grants Report – Neil Loudon

- MKHA is pleased to record thanks to MKC for continued grant support in 2022 of £5000 on behalf of ourselves and our members.
- It is noted that £1500 of this is intended to take forward our Arch MK archives project recommendations and continuation
- It is also noted that we will endeavour to improve the profiles of our successful projects via press releases and on social media

MKHA gratefully acknowledge continuing grant support from Milton Keynes Council

13. Grants Report – Neil Loudon

- New grant applications: 1 received (Woughton Heritage) £750
- Small grants to cover archive materials for ArchMK agreed £150
- Grant applications are always encouraged particularly for supporting heritage events such as *Heritage OpenDays*
- Application forms being amended to reflect new Equality, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) policies

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14. Members' Reports

Reports and images received from:

- Buckingham Canal Society
- Calverton Records Project
- Deanshanger Village History Society
- Roade Local History Society

Other members are invited, in turn, to give brief verbal activity report since last meeting together with future plans.

Buckingham BCS – Athena Beckett



BCS work boat
Louise in action

Buckingham BCS – Athena Beckett



Volunteer painting lock gate seats at our Hyde Lane Nature Reserve site

Buckingham BCS – Athena Beckett





**FUN FOR ALL
THE FAMILY!**

COSGROVE CANAL FESTIVAL & CRAFT FAIR

- Historic Boats
- Trade Boats
- Leisure Boat Trips
- Cake Stalls
- Craft Stalls
- Games
- Entertainment



**Saturday 10am - 5pm
Sunday 10am - 4pm**



**Cosgrove Lock,
Lock Lane,
Cosgrove, Mk19 7JR**

**Cosgrove Village Hall,
Bridge Road,
Cosgrove, Mk19 7JA**

For more information



buckinghamcanal.org.uk
events@buckinghamcanal.org.uk

Deanshanger DVHS - Jennie Dott



Platinum Jubilee tent where we displayed pictures of the Golden and Diamond jubilee parades and picnics held on those occasions

Deanshanger DVHS - Jennie Dott



Cheryl Butler passing on her scanning skills for archive digitisation.

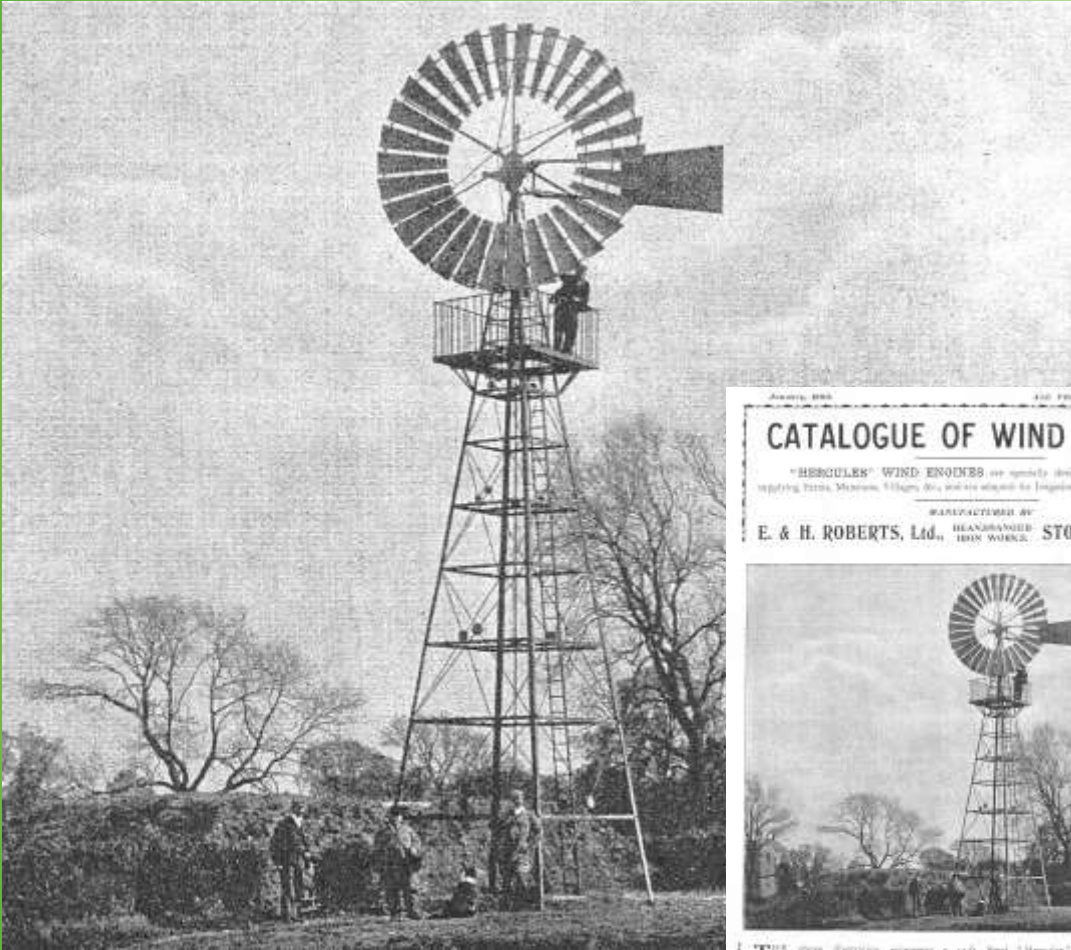
Daytime archiving sessions proved more productive than traditional evening ones

Deanshanger DVHS - Jennie Dott



Cheryl and Geoff at last Septembers 'Scarecrow Trail'

Calverton Records Project – David Muston



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CALVERTON RECORDS
PROJECT

Roads RLHS – Chris Hillyard

Roads Local History Society

15. Any Other Business

16. Next Meeting date - AGM

Thursday 22 September 2022

7.00pm Granary Tea Room

Milton Keynes Museum

Thanks to RLHS for hosting

Meeting Closed

Have a safe journey home