

# MKHA AGM

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>  
September 2023

Venue: MK Museum,  
Granary Tea Room  
7.00pm



**Milton Keynes**  
Heritage Association

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## **PROGRAMME FOR TONIGHT**

<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Welcome to Milton Keynes Museum</b> Bill Griffiths, Museum Director and MKHA President
<b>7.10 pm</b>	<b>Good City - What Makes Milton Keynes</b> Noël James CEO of Milton Keynes City Discovery Centre
<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>Refreshments</b> Tea, Coffee, Scones and Jam
<b>7.45 pm</b>	<b>AGM</b>
<b>8.0-9.00pm</b>	<b>Other Business</b>

# Welcome and Developments at MK Museum

Bill Griffiths



New Telehandler exhibit set up for user trials

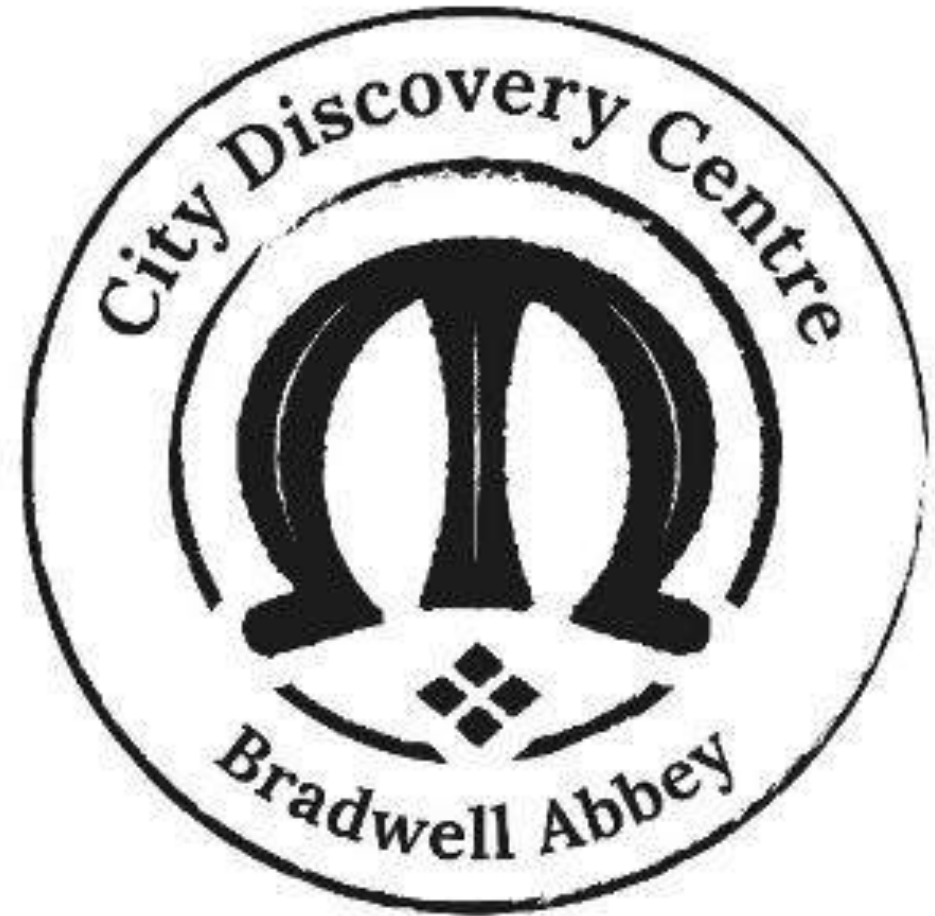
# Good City

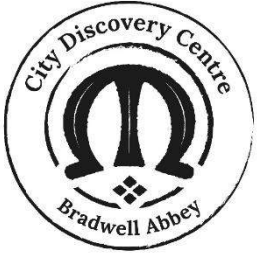
Guest Speaker

**Noel James**

CEO MK

City Discovery Centre





# Good City

What makes Milton Keynes?



City Discovery Centre  
BRADWELL ABBEY



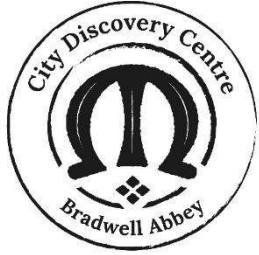
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Milton Keynes Heritage Association





**The Plan for Milton Keynes  
Volume One**

2010-11-11



**The Plan for Milton Keynes  
Volume Two**

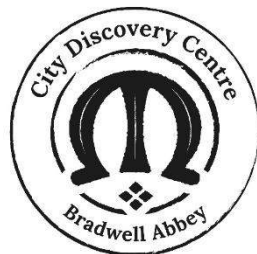


Figure 8  
STRATEGIC PLAN

great, not fully confirmed. The plan has also been used for its capacity so that with increases in and out of the city. Finally, the plan has been reviewed in order to establish the degree of freedom it presents for the future city to be built, so differing densities of housing and employment. As a result of these studies, the Corporation is finally convinced that the solution of the plan. The plan, which was designed only on the basis of the current Region, has now been carefully designed so that the existing landscape, villages and towns. This strategic plan is illustrated diagrammatically in Figure 8. It is also shown in more detail in map C, which is the cover of Volume One. The characteristics of the plan are summarised in the following table.

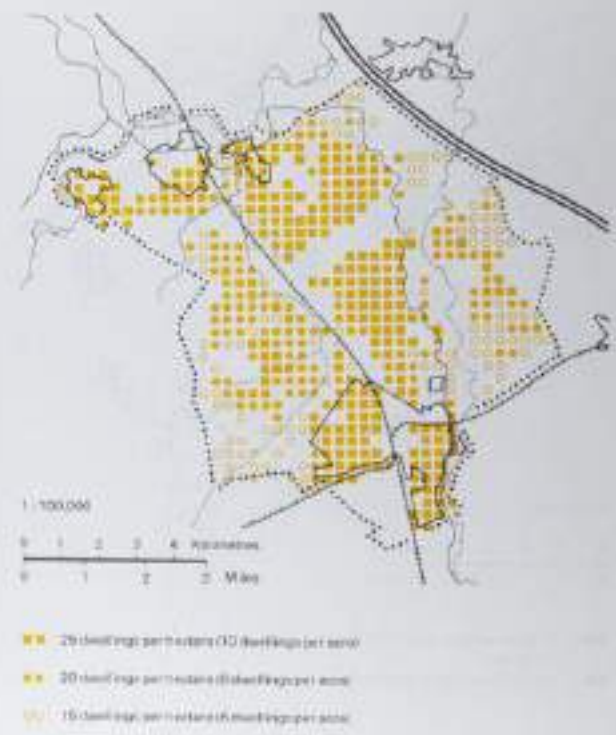


Figure 9  
RESIDENTIAL DENSITIES. This is a revised distribution of average densities and reflects the likelihood of lower average densities in the later years of 11 and 12's growth.

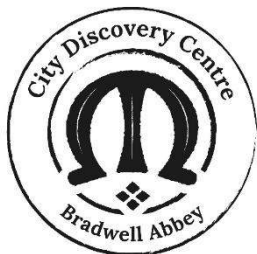


Figure AT  
THE DESIGNATED AREA FROM THE SOUTH-EAST. The Watlington-Buckford railway is the background feature. The South Epsom boundary of the designated area. The Ouse river runs diagonally from bottom left to top right passing the villages of Broom's Barn, Watlington and Watlington Green.

518 This chapter presents the background to the planning of Milton Keynes in three sections as follows:

- i) The brief given to the planning consultants by the Corporation
- ii) The region associated with Milton Keynes as it exists, and the plan for it
- iii) The existing characteristics of the designated area for the new city: the geology, the rivers and villages, historic buildings and sites, the pattern of agriculture and mineral works, soils, climate, topography and landscape.

#### THE BRIEF

519 Milton Keynes Development Corporation was established in May 1967, and drew up a brief specifying requirements for the Plan for the new city. The Corporation then selected the planning consultants and their correspondence and work on the preparation of the Plan began in December 1967. Paragraphs 520 to 532 below set out the main points of the brief.

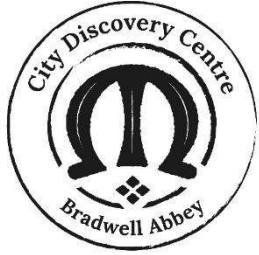
520 The task was to prepare a Plan for the new city of Milton Keynes to be built in North Buckinghamshire. This Plan was first of all an expression of strategic objectives resulting from an environmental and land use survey. A broad concept—social and physical—with perhaps alternative proposals was required before getting down to more detailed land use plans.

521 The Corporation wished to submit to the Minister a Plan which required the minimum possible to the Minister at the time of designation. Where any significant departure from the constraints given to the Ministers was considered to be justified it was to be fully substantiated.

522 These constraints at summary were:

- a) To incorporate Bletchley, Watlington and Stevenage in a way that preserves their individual sense of local community.
- b) To fit the existing villages and hamlets into the development, not to sweep them away.
- c) To protect the fertile land around Stevenage in so far as possible, to avoid the permanent invasion of large agricultural estates that would be unworkable to farm, and to phase the development in a way that will achieve the best prospects to land which the area being well suited to agriculture.
- d) To recognise the potential value of land in the north-western part of the site for large-scale industrial development.
- e) To reserve areas, from the M1 necessary to junctions already in existence although these junctions will need to be enlarged and enlarged.
- f) To make a full provision for the needs of future permanent development, and to prepare a rational programme for the future working related to the needs of the industry in the area.





Menu



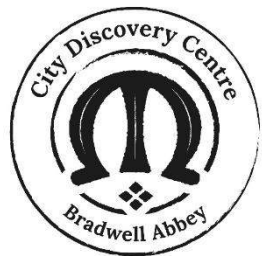
#### The Plan for Milton Keynes

Milton Keynes was the last and the most ambitious of the post-war new towns. From 1967, a development period of 25 years saw a dramatic change in the local landscape and thousands of new residents move to the area.

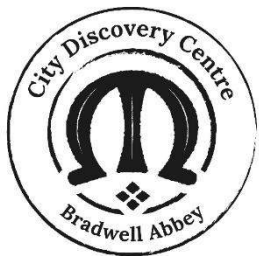
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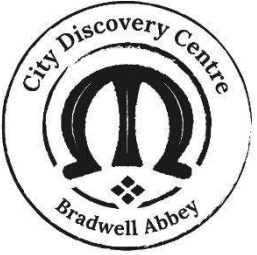


[theplanformiltonkeynes.co.uk](http://theplanformiltonkeynes.co.uk)









**“Great environment, great atmosphere”**

**“Very relaxed. Very enjoyable”**

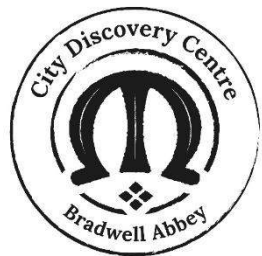
**“Very informative”**

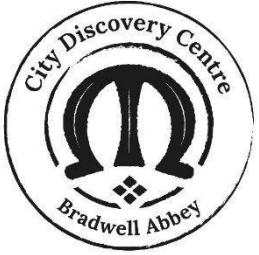
**"Felt very welcome and valued as part of the discussions."**

**"It was great - blend of history and looking to the future"**

**"Well organised, knowledgeable folk"**







# Good City

What makes Milton Keynes?



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**Refreshment Break  
7.30 – 7.45pm**



Thanks to Diane for  
preparing the scones  
and drinks

# MKHA AGM Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023

7.45 pm

## AGM AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Approval of AGM minutes of 22nd September 2022
3. Matters arising
4. Chairman's Report 2022 – 2023
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Election of Officers/Executive Committee
7. Approval of MKHA's updated Constitution and Policy Documents
8. Robert Excell Heritage Award

**AGM close**



## Items 1,2 & 3: Apologies, Approval of Minutes and Matters Arising

### **1. Apologies received:**

Peter Barnes	Simpson and Ashland
Roger Emery	WADAHS
Sue Crabbe	BAHS
Chris Stapleton	North Crawley
Shane Downer	MKCC (Report)
Rachel Fleet	LAMK (Report)

### **2. Approval of Minutes of AGM 22 September 2022**

### **3. Matters arising**

## 4. Chair's Report

David Muston – Vice  
Chair

### Chair's Report      2022-23

MKHA Remit – What MKHA does and how it helps members :

- IT training for website design and production
- Audience development
- Outreach to other communities
- Liaising with schools (YHH)
- Promoting 'Heritage' events - (*Festival of History*)
- Supporting HODs
- Addressing the 'Archives issue'

## 4. Chair's Report

David Muston – Vice  
Chair

### Chair's Report      2022-23

MKHA are considering further Ideas to promote history and heritage:

- Taking part in MKCC *Archaeology Day* (Nov)
- Organising a 'History Day' next spring (on similar lines)
- Maintaining interest in any future *Festivals of History*.

All of these could be supported with targeted grant aid to members in addition to our usual project grants

## 4. Chair's Report

David Muston – Vice  
Chair

### Chair's Report 2022 - 23

....and now a new task to get our own house in order....

A new Corporate Identity for MKHA



Alternative font



Round corners on main logo



Colour coded underscore



Extended format





## 4. Chair's Report

David Muston – Vice  
Chair

### Chair's Report      2022 - 23

....and finally, a more concerning task ...

to assist member groups to deal with current challenges  
such as:-

- Ageing demographics
- Shrinking committees
- Falling member rolls
- Financial viability
- Maintenance of interest

*..there is little doubt that positive interests aligned to  
social engagement do much to aid our health and well-  
being*

## 5. Treasurer's Report 2022-23 :

Charlotte Hall

Cash Receipts &  
Payments Accounts

1 Sept 2022 - 31  
August 2023

2021-2022			2022-2023	
£	£		£	£
855.00		<b>RECEIPTS:</b>	955.00	
5,000.00		Subscriptions & Web hosting	5,000.00	
80.90		Milton Keynes Council	69.83	
		Other	107.00	
5,935.90	5,935.90	Bank Interest	6,131.83	
		Maps & Donations		
		<b>Total Receipts</b>		
369.36		<b>PAYMENTS:</b>	468.93	
-		MKHA Admin & IT	381.80	
331.80		Other MKHA (Catering & Venue Hire)	270.47	
2,400.00		Community Foundation Grant Expenses (ArchMK)	1,618.80	
268.90		MKHA Subscriptions (inc Zoom)	2,740.00	
3,204.00		Grants (MKC)		
6,574.06	6,574.06	<b>Total Payments</b>		
	638.16	Balance yr end (2021/2022)		3,391.83
	30,380.20	Balance b/f (2020/2021)		20,742.04
		Balance c/f		
5,396.06		Made up of:		
3,436.33		- Hampshire Trust Bank Deposit	5,448.36	
20,886.65		- Deposit Account	3,453.86	
		- Current Account	24,208.65	
23.00		- Less cheques drawn but not cashed at yr end	23.00	
		- Petty Cash		
29,742.04	29,742.04	<b>Year End</b>	33,133.87	33,133.87

## 5. Treasurer's Report 2022-23 :

Charlotte Hall  
& Neil Loudon

## Grants to Members

MKHA member group	Date	Grant	Purpose of grant
Roade History Society	Application pending		Survey fee
North Crawley History Society	Sept 2023	£750	Design and production of free-standing heritage information board
Turvey History Society	Sept 2023	£345	Profile historic figures to aid HODs presentation
Western Front	May 2023	£442	Projector equipment

## 6. Election of Officers and Executive Committee:

<b>Chair</b>	<b>- vacant -</b>	
<b>Vice Chair</b>	<b>David Muston</b>	<b>(willing to stand)</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Charlotte Hall</b>	<b>(willing to stand)</b>
<b>Hon. Secretary</b>	<b>- vacant -</b>	
<b>Member &amp; Web Coordinator</b>	<b>Alan Cooper</b>	<b>(willing to stand)</b>
<b>Member</b>	<b>Neil Loudon</b>	<b>(willing to stand)</b>
<b>Member</b>	<b>Anna McEvoy</b>	<b>(willing to stand)</b>
<b>Co-opted Member</b>	<b>Graham Thorpe</b>	<b>(willing to stand)</b>
<b>Member</b>	<b>- vacant -</b>	
<b>Member</b>	<b>- vacant -</b>	
<b>MKC Representative</b>	<b>Shane Downer</b>	
<b>Hon. President</b>	<b>Bill Griffiths</b>	



## **7. Approval of MKHA's updated Constitution and Policy Documents :**

Neil Loudon

**Constitution**

**Child protection policy**

**Data protection policy**

**Education policy**

**Equality, diversity and Inclusivity policy**

**Health and safety policy**

## 8. Robert Excell Heritage Award

Neil Loudon



MKHA have decided to hold an annual Heritage Award as a fitting tribute to our late Chair, Robert Excell, for his tireless work to further heritage interests in the Milton Keynes area.

It is proposed that a prize is given annually and will be presented at the AGM this time next year.

## 8. Robert Excell Heritage Award

Neil Loudon



The Award is an opportunity to highlight the best work completed by a heritage organisation, society, or individual over the past year.

This could be a permanent or temporary exhibition, display, event, publication, website development, conservation or restoration work, community project, but demonstrating wider community engagement, and promoting local heritage.

*Application forms are available for distribution*

# Other Business

**8.00 pm**

## **Other business**

- Marketing and publicising your activities with Grant help
- Milton Keynes Heritage Officer's Report
- HODs debrief
- Arch MK report
- New Town's Heritage Register
- Web/IT report
- Member reports
- AOB

**9.00 pm Meeting closes**

## Marketing and publicising your activities with Grant help

Neil Loudon

MKHA would look favourably on applications for reprinting/redesigning publicity materials including:

- Brochures
- Walking tour pamphlets/maps
- Stationary
- Bookmarks
- Posters
- Pull-up banners etc.



# Milton Keynes Heritage Officer's report

pp Shane Downer

## MK City Council AGM Update September 2023

Shane Downer

Heritage & International  
Partnerships



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## Milton Keynes Creative and Cultural Strategy 2018-2027 Review Process

### Consultation on Priorities

- 26<sup>th</sup> September deadline
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> October Scrutiny
  - End October D/Decision
  - Late 2023 Delivery Plan
- ### Development Stage Consultation





# Milton Keynes Heritage Officer's report

pp Shane Downer



## Successful bid!

### *New Towns New Narratives*

#### **14 new towns - MK 'Mentor City'.**

- 2024 – 25 two year Programme
- Archive Narrative - theme 1
- Green heritage - theme 2
- 6 Hybrid events will enable online access and participation to discussions by MK residents.



**MK has identified projects to share as mentor**

# Milton Keynes Heritage Officer's report

pp Shane Downer

## MK City Archive

### 2023/24 Activity Programme Update

- MKHA ☺ - Grants???
- Living Archive – HODs 222 Events
- Offset Projects - Youth Archives
- Pooleyville and Uni Nottingham 'GreenTown' at MK Gallery Project Space
- INTI – Specialist Meeting Spring 2024

Evaluation of the 2023 programme taking place to inform NHLF Bid, delayed until early 2024 to apply under new **NHLF 2033 Strategy**.





# Milton Keynes Heritage Officer's report

pp Shane Downer

## CMK Heritage Trail

- Strategic Report recommended an MK Trail and CMK Website Trail approach
- CMK Tech Group: high profile and the need to align with CMK Wayfinding.
- Changed scope and costs means test will now take place late 2023/2024, dependent on Archive partners availability and funding from various MKCC department sources.
- Stage 2 will commence Spring 2024 and include a revised MK Trails App.



## Milton Keynes Heritage Officer's report

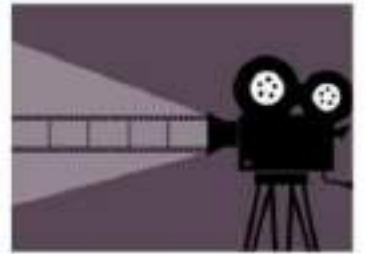
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# HODS debrief from Living Archive

pp Rachel Fleet



CREATIVITY  
UNWRAPPED



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### PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS MK HODS 2023

**Organisations new to MK HODs in 2023 highlit in yellow**

#### **Alina Orchestra**

All Saints Church Bow Brickhill  
Bletchley Park  
Bradwell Windmill  
Buckingham Canal Society  
Buckingham Old Gaol Trust  
Calverton Records Project  
Camphill Milton Keynes Communities  
Commonwealth War Graves Commission  
Cowper & Newton Museum

#### **Delta Dancers**

Festive Road  
Friends of St Guthlac's Passenham  
Friends of Stony Stratford Library  
Future Wolverton Ltd  
**Hanslope & District Historical Society**  
Junior Filmmakers  
Living Archive MK  
Marston Vale Community Rail Partnership  
Men In Sheds MK  
Milton Keynes Arts Centre  
Milton Keynes Brass

Milton Keynes Forum  
Milton Keynes Libraries  
MK City Council  
MK City Discovery Centre  
**MK & District Reform Synagogue**  
MK Gallery  
MK Museum  
Music For All @MSG  
National Badminton Museum  
National Trust Claydon House  
National Trust Stowe  
Newport Pagnell Historical Society  
North Crawley Historical Society  
**Offset Projects**  
Philip Marsh  
**Pooleyville**  
Rainbow Housing Co-Operative  
**Rashiga**  
**Sierra Leone Community MK**  
St James Parochial Church Council (Husborne Crawley)  
St Lawrence's Church, Bradwell  
St Lawrence's Church, Broughton

St Mary's Church, Bletchley  
Stony Redcaps  
**Stony Steppers**  
Stony Words  
The Landmark Trust  
The Milton Keynes Rose Trust  
**The Open University**  
The Parks Trust  
The Stables Theatre Ltd  
**Turvey History Society**  
**Ukraine Appeal**  
Westbury Arts Centre  
Western Front Association (MK Branch)  
Willen Village Historical Association  
Winslow History Project  
Woburn Heritage Centre  
Woburn Sands Town Council  
Wolverton & Greenleys Town Council  
Wolverton Community Orchard Volunteers  
Wolverton Secret Garden Society  
Wolverton Society for Arts & Heritage  
York House

TOTAL 65 organisers providing 222 events/sessions



**HODS debrief  
from Living  
Archive**

pp Rachel Fleet

***Back To The City*** exhibition  
at The Point (9 Sept 1-4pm)



A celebration of the nightlife of CMK  
that attracted 200+ visitors



## HODS debrief from Living Archive

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***Back To The City*** exhibition is now sited in the Discover Milton Keynes space at the Central Library.





Civil war display among many others





## HODS debrief Calverton Records Project



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Only 30-40% of the organiser feedback forms received back so far but initial responses suggest:

- attendances have been good despite challenges from the weather at both ends of the scale
- Word of mouth around the events has been very positive indeed.
- Full report will be produced and circulated in due course.

*Back To The City* exhibition is now sited in the Discover Milton Keynes space at the Central Library.



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*“Please note that if any MKHA members still have forms outstanding they will need to be returned to Living Archive MK by 30<sup>th</sup> September at the latest.”*

## ORGANISER FEEDBACK 2023



### Please tell us about your event

Thank you so much for participating in Heritage Open Days (HODs). We hope your event was a great success this year. Please can we ask for your support with one more task – completing this form. It provides invaluable information for us to share with our supporters and funders, and enables us to understand where there is scope for improvements. **Please complete by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and return to: Living Archive MK, c/o Milton Keynes Museum, Mc Connell Drive, Wolverton, MK12 5RL or via email to [rachel@livingarchive.org.uk](mailto:rachel@livingarchive.org.uk)**

### ABOUT YOU

Your name	Name of organisation as registered
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Postcode	
<input type="text"/>	
Age	
<input type="checkbox"/> 15-24	<input type="checkbox"/> 25-34
<input type="checkbox"/> 35-44	<input type="checkbox"/> 45-64
<input type="checkbox"/> Over 65	
Do you have a disability as defined by the Equality Act 2010?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

### YOUR EVENTS

1. How many visitors did your property/event attract?				
Property/event name	Adult visitors	Child visitors	Total	Is this more than on a normal opening day?
				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

## Arch MK report

David Muston &  
Anna McEvoy

**All sessions in this 2023 round have now been completed and there appears to be sufficient support to go undertake a further round:**

Introduction: Scoping your collection	Jan
1. Handling & Storage	Feb
2. Cataloguing	Mar
3. Copyright & Digitisation	April
4. Exhibiting & Display	May





## Web/IT Report

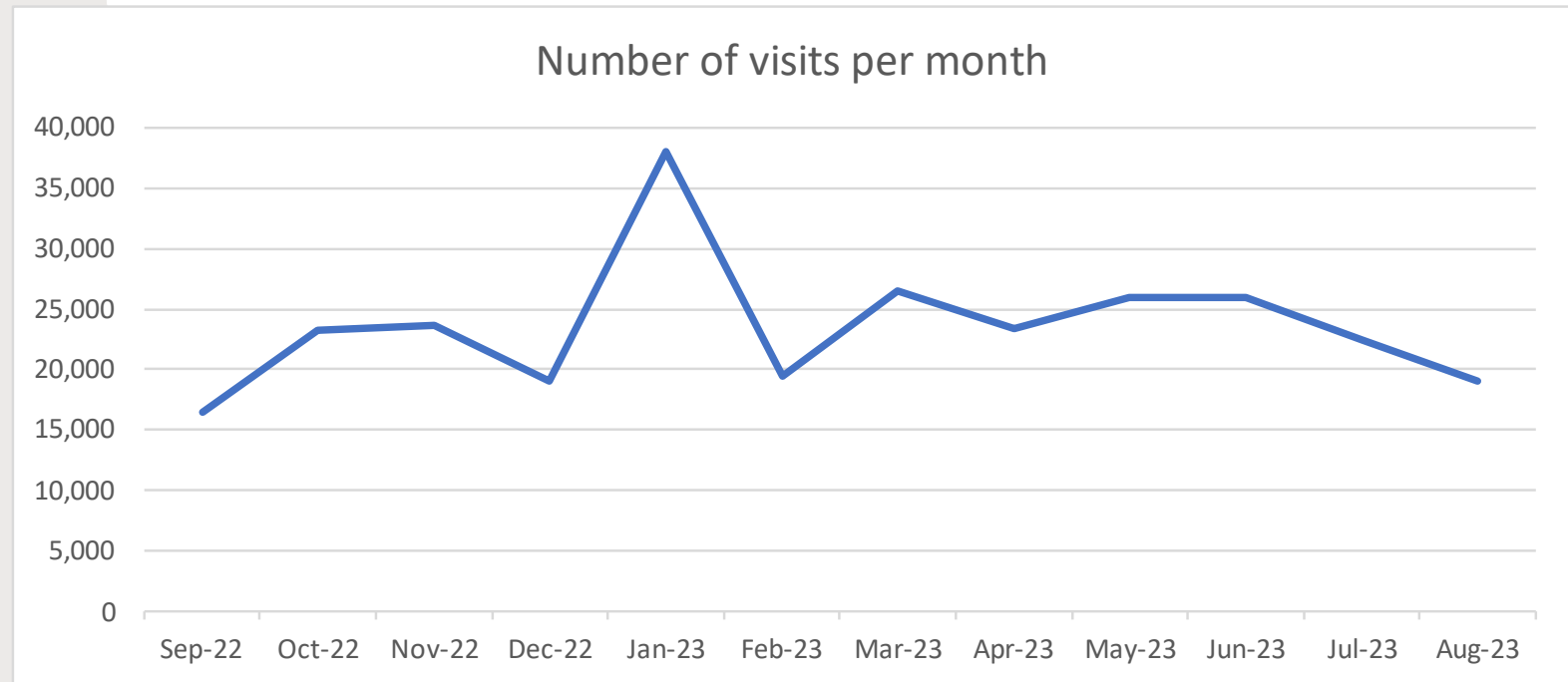
Alan Cooper

The email newsletter has 379 subscribers (as 1 September 2023), compared with 353 a year ago.

The readership is often 2-3 times larger, as many MKHA member groups forward it to their own individual members.



## MKHA Newsletter

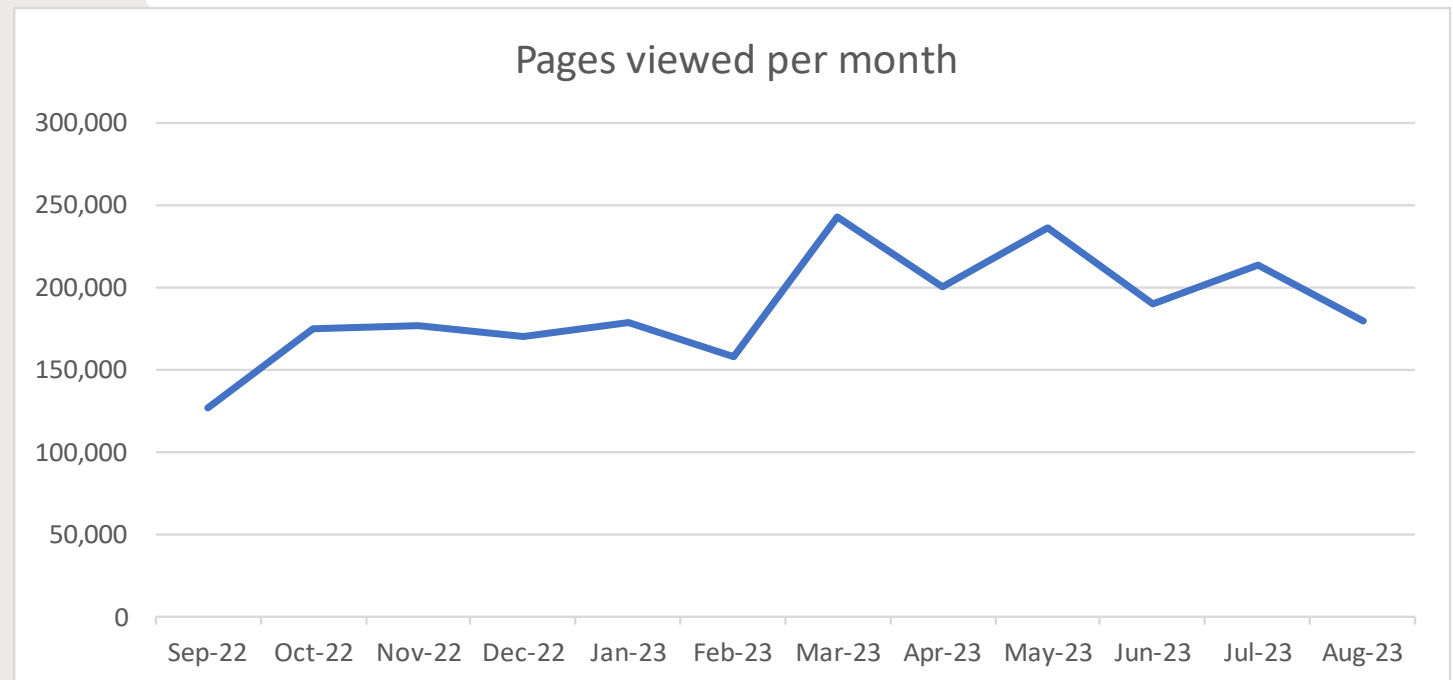


# Web/IT Report - Newsletter

## Alan Cooper

Over the last year the website had an average of 12,000 unique visitors a month making an average of nearly 24,000 monthly visits.

Over the year there were just over 2.2 million page views.



# Members Reports - DVHS

Sandra Horswood

Remains of  
deconstructed  
Roman oven  
kept for many  
years in in old  
shed store.  
Each stone  
individually  
numbered.





## Members Reports – DVHS

Sandra Horswood

Remains of  
Roman oven  
now in  
proper deep  
storage  
according to  
their original  
numbering  
at MK  
Museum





## Members Reports – Western Front Assoc.

Anne McIntyre

Report and upcoming  
events



# Members Reports – Western Front Assoc.

Anne McIntyre

Heritage Open Days

## WW1 Display at MK Museum





# Members Reports – MK Western Front Association.

Anne McIntyre

## 2023 SEMINAR

### 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023



#### The Hejaz Railway – Alexandra Churchill

Turks, Arabs, British and French all fought over this middle-eastern railway best known for Lawrence of Arabia's involvement

#### Laugh or Cry : Life or Death in the Trenches – Peter Hart & Gary Beale

How humour helped the Tommie survive



#### The Pirate of Buccari – Michael O'Brien

Gabriele D'Annunzio's adventures on the Italian Front

#### The Women's Land Army – Helen Frost

The incredible contribution made by this oft-forgotten, overlooked 'army' of women



Venue : Bletchley Masonic Centre. Tickets £30 Buffet lunch included

# Meeting Closed

Thanks to:

- Bill Griffiths for providing the venue
- Diane Roda for the refreshments
- Lynne Cairns for taking minutes notes