



## **Heritage Volunteers e-Newsletter**

### **November / December 2017**

#### Heritage Volunteer Projects.

It has been a very positive year for Heritage Volunteering in the South West which reflects the dedication and enthusiasm of the volunteers. Once again the South West Committee has asked that their thanks and appreciation is passed on to the volunteers.

Currently we have 18 heritage volunteer projects with 6 more in various stages of planning and preparation, during the last two months 3 projects have been completed. The number of volunteers involved with these projects is now 97. By the end of the year the total number of projected volunteer hours will be 5,639. If items such as holidays, grand parent duty and volunteers who can only manage the occasional help, also calculated into this is that some of the projects did not start until into the calendar year or finished before the year ended. It averages out at 2 1/4 hours a week for each volunteer typically volunteering over 35 weeks.

The returns from the annual Hours Survey which produced these figures are passed on to The Arts Society House and are used by the Trustees, they are also widely circulated within the Society.

It is pleasing to note that it is anticipated that 3 societies new to Heritage Volunteering will be starting projects in the New Year. We have 24 societies in the South West and 17 societies will have either Heritage Volunteering projects or Heritage Volunteer Representatives. It is appreciated that some societies only have a small membership base and are unable to support HV projects.

Our Heritage Volunteer projects normally fall into five or six categories, Garden Projects (1), Textile Projects (4), Museums / Libraries (11), Stewarding (2 – NT) and Others (1).

Among the new projects is one being undertaken by TAS Falmouth as part of the “Recovering WW1 Theatre Project” that is part of a wider WW1 project by the University of Kent. Additionally TAS Liskeard are now preparing a nationally important HV project working with the Cornish poet Charles Causley Charitable Trust

A Heritage Volunteer Regional Course, in conjunction with the Wessex and West Mercia Areas which will provide textile conservation training and will concentrate on Gold Work has been arranged. It is to be a one day course, to be

held at Saltford near Bristol on Tuesday 13th March 2018. The Chairman have all received a flyer plus a PowerPoint slide containing the information for this course. It has also been placed on the South West website

### **The Heritage Volunteers Representatives Annual Spring Meeting 2018.**

The provisional plans for our Annual Spring Meeting 2018 are now in place. The date is Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March, Society meeting dates where possible have been avoided, also Easter (30<sup>th</sup> March > 2<sup>nd</sup> April) and school holidays Being mindful of the distances that have to be travelled in our South West region the meeting will again takes place at Exeter Cathedral. Exeter is in the centre of the South West and it has good road and rail links.

### **Heritage Volunteers at Dartington 18<sup>th</sup> / 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

The Heritage Volunteers will have a table to show the visitors to Dartington the projects that our volunteers are either working on, or have worked on in the past. It will give an opportunity to show the volunteers expertise across their wide range of skill.