

Secretary's Report

Friends of Wincobank Hill AGM Feb.6th 2020

The report will describe the variety of activities in which members have been engaged during the last 12 months.

1. Members generally take part in the maintenance of the Hill and the fort by litter picking, reporting motor cycle/quad bike activity to the council and on the Police 101 number, keeping a watch over the whole site. Members have worked with the Council's Parks and Countryside officers installing litter bins and information boards.
2. Members support other activities taking place in the Wincobank area. They support The Friends of Zion Graveyard Attercliffe in preserving the site where many important historical personalities from the area are buried, including Mary Ann Rawson the founder of Wincobank Chapel where we meet. We support Black History Month and the charity Snowdrop, an anti-slavery campaign in the city and other community groups' activities nearby.
3. We extend invitations to other groups to attend our meetings, for example the Friends of Firth Park, The Roman Ridge Sanctuary Housing Care complex, Thorpe Hesley Local History Group and the Friends of the Roman Ridge in Rotherham as a significant part of the Ridge monument passes through Wincobank and next to the Hill. We have a series of speakers on topics of local interest, some are members, and others are by local experts from other community groups.
4. The Friends take part in the local planning process. We comment on planning applications near the Hill, such as the proposed housing development on Sandstone Road next to the Roman Ridge monument. The application was withdrawn in April 2019. An application to develop on the Blackburn Brook flood plain in Lower Wincobank is still pending. The Council's Local Plan has not yet been completed and the Friends keep a watching brief on how it may affect the area.
5. We are represented on Sheffield Green Spaces Forum and on Joined Up Heritage Sheffield. Members attended the Green Spaces meeting with the Lord Mayor in September, for example. Joint Up heritage meet every month to discuss wider heritage matters in the city.
6. The Friends liaise with Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust and the Hunter Archaeological Society on matters of joint interest. The Hill is a haven of wildlife and a dig on the Hill may take place with the consent of Heritage England.
7. The Friends organise an event each year called Light up the Hill. It involves work with the City Council's rangers, local scout groups and schools to stage a play about the Romans and Britons on the hilltop and is held on a dark October evening. Children and adults make lanterns at the Chapel before the event for use on a walk through the woods. Transport up to hill fort is organised for those having problems of mobility. The University of Sheffield Archaeology Department provide support to us.
8. During the year members act as guides to visitors to the hill during local events, usually dressed as Iron Age Britons.

David Anson - Secretary

Friends of Wincobank Hill Accounts Summary

1/1/2019 – 31/12/2019

<u>Expenditure</u>		<u>Income</u>	
Rent of Chapel	£360	Membership	£112
Speakers/Talks	£0	Refreshments	£226
Stationary	£72.42	Sales of Merchandise	£82.40
Light up the Hill	£761.77	Donations	£34.92
Insurance	£111.72	SCC Ward Pot Fund	£500
Total	£1,305.91	Total	£955.32
		Final Bank Balance	£928.52

Total Expenditure - £1,305.91

Total Income - £955.30

Deficit for year - £350.67

Start bank balance - £1,316.11

Final bank balance - £928.52

SSC Ward Pot Fund - £150 ring-fenced out of £500 for the WW1 search light and re-enactors.

End of year petty cash - £111.27

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