



Friends of Anfield



Chair's Report July 2019 - March 2020

This year has been another successful year for Friends of Anfield. We've had excellent support from LCC, Historic England and of course the National Lottery Heritage Fund. The year has seen the group face a couple of challenges but fortunately these have been handled effectively and our project remains in a healthy state.

So far, our activities have attracted over £410,000 for a variety of projects from catacomb restoration to Lifting the Lids.

Anfield Cemetery's Remembrance Sunday took place with help from Trustees. It was a successful event which we hope to build on in 2020.

Success continues with our Find a Grave initiative the Friends run. Ray, Karan and Steve put a lot of time and effort into this, bringing comfort to the families they support.

The monitoring of people asking for 'grave searches' on Friends' Facebook page has ensured that people are redirected to our website, to maximise fund raising for Friends. The funding goes towards keeping our website going, insurance cover for our activities and unexpected circumstances.

There could be opportunities to engage with the public as a result of the completion of the Conservation Management Plan. One possibility is for the planting of trees. Here, schools could be asked if they wished to be involved &/or community planting sessions.

Friends will request for an opportunity to present to LFC and EFC, with a view to getting them to become Patrons.

We are pleased to report that Letters of Appreciation were received from Her Majesty the Queen, the General Chief of Staff and Mr Mark Blundell

the Lord Lieutenant for Friends' part in the ceremony to 2 long-forgotten VC holders, in partnership with St Francis de Sales Junior.

LCC / HE are discussing circa £15,000 funding to 'Prop up' parts of the South Chapel structure: a very strong indication of support for Friends' ambitions.

Our resilience as a group has, once again, shone through.

Liverpool Central Library hosted a successful Liverpool Heritage Event on Saturday 26th October. Friends were able to inform visitors and fellow stakeholders of our intentions. We took the opportunity to get questionnaire response as part of our community engagement. 26 questionnaires were completed with a very high level of support, confirming previous results. The questionnaire responses will influence the Heritage Centre's design.

Our [HLF Resilient Grant](#) has continued at pace this year.

The first of two LCVS training sessions relating to the handling of large grant funding took place prior to C19 restrictions being imposed. The session also led to a better method of preparing and submitting accounts to the Charity Commission.

An Expression of Interest (EI) for the Asset Transfer of the South Chapel is being negotiated. Once we have a 5 Year Business and Cash Flow Plan from our Chartered Accountants, we can continue with the EI. Note, we are not pursuing an Asset Transfer at this time.

Friends' architect produced elevations and plans for the Ground and First Floor of the South Chapel and proposed extension. The extension is shown on the South side of the chapel. He also produced a 3D 'fly-past and fly-through' video to enable viewers to understand the concept better. All who see the proposal are very pleased with it.

Hard copies of the plans received very favourable responses, recognising that the architect had listened to Friends' request and had produced a: 'fantastic' and 'lovely' design, accommodating our activities. C19 has delayed some aspects of our Resilient Heritage Grant and time extension has been applied for.

It would be very good if we could attract new members / participants. Suggestions include: photography, Art, litter picking, cleaning, gardening, nature watch, Find a Grave, historical research, organising tours or events and generally supporting our aim to establish an International Heritage and Visitor Centre.

We've been pleased to use the Cabbage Hall Hotel because of its easy access and welcoming staff. Our HQ continues to be St Columba's Church. Our 'thank you's' go to them for their support and we look forward to real strides forward in the coming year.

Jane Little-Smith (Chair)



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Treasurer's Statement July 10th 2019 - March 31st 2020

Bank Account

2019 - 2020	IN	OUT
Balance brought forward	£3,008.41	Book purchase £12
Donations	£447.05	Trustee expense £39
		Subscriptions £10
		Insurance £75
	Gift Agreed by Trustees	£50
Balance to be Carried Forward		£3,269.46

Note - £50 gift not yet presented to bank

Resilient Heritage South Chapel Project

	IN	OUT
Balance Brought Forward	£13,379.58	
	Community Engagement Fees	£2,625
	Asset Transfer Training	£670
	Measured Survey	£3,408
Sheet 1 / 2	Architecture Fees	£2,730

Balance to be Carried Forward **£3,946.58**

Balance at Bank (£3,269.46 + £3,946.58) = £7,266.04

REMINDER - £50 (Above) not yet presented to bank.

Treasurer: Date: Audited by: Date:

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