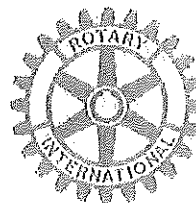


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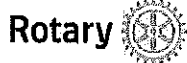
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Dear Mr Hearn

Tavistock Guildhall Gateway Project

Thank you for your letter of 31st May 2017.

I am delighted to inform you that the Rotary Club of Tavistock fully support the detailed (Round Two) proposals to the Heritage Lottery Fund that the Town Council is to submit. Indeed we would be most disappointed if the emerging success of Phase 1 was not being continued with a second phase.

As a very successful Rotary Club whose membership reflects the key strands of the Town's economic, social and cultural life we can vouch for the extensive support for the Townscape Heritage Initiative and in particular the Guildhall Gateway Project. For too long these key set of Heritage buildings, standing as they do in the centre of the Town have been a deteriorating asset looking forlorn and unloved. Our Club see an exciting future for the Guildhall Gateway buildings if the Heritage Lottery funding is secured. It will also deliver economic benefits to the Town's impressive collection of other Listed Buildings as spend and visitors increase.

As a Rotary Club, we are very committed to helping the young of the Town and organise competitions designed to encourage our youth to value and display their talents. Phase 1 has been successful in attracting the interest of young people in their Town's history as well as exposing them to the building talents and skills that form such an important constituent part of historic buildings. Phase 2, with its exciting ideas to exploit I.T. and modern media, will further inspire young people in particular as well as local residents and visitors.

To conclude, we totally support Phase 2 - with it the Town and its hinterland has an exciting future. Without visitors and local people will increasingly see a Town Centre blighted by decaying historic buildings.

We wish the Town Council every success.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. H. Bailey".

**Catherine Bailey
President 2016-17**



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Mr C Hearn,
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Dear Mr Hearn,

Further to an e-mail, I received from Mrs Sue Spackman, Acting Chair of Tavistock Heritage Trust, I am writing as President of Tavistock Lions 2016 -17, in support of the conservation and redevelopment of Tavistock's historic Guildhall. Having been a resident of Tavistock, all of my life I am really happy to be able to offer my support to this very worthwhile project.

Members of Tavistock Lions were lucky enough to have been given a tour around the redundant Guildhall, Police station, cells and Courtroom in December last year and Andrew Thompson, our guide, made us very much aware of the potential of these fantastic buildings.

We work very closely with the Town Council, on a number of different projects, during the course of a year. These include the annual Carnival for Tavistock, parking for Goose Fair, Fireworks evening in the Meadows, Dickensian Evening, Trees of Lights, on the Town Hall, a new Community Sensory Garden in the Tavistock Meadows and many other smaller events / projects. We are currently discussing establishing a Santa's Grotto in the Town in the run up to Christmas and the Town Council have been very supportive of our proposals, this being a joint project with our colleagues from Tavistock Rotary.

We have offered our support to Andrew, the Town Council and Tavistock Heritage Trust and would be happy to become involved, if for example we can help by sponsoring the decoration of a room or help supply some manpower for a similar small scale worthwhile project.

It is vitally import to preserve these buildings and return them to a useable state for the general public to enjoy and benefit from and I can speak on behalf of Tavistock Lions when I say that we whole heartedly support both the Tavistock Town Council and the Tavistock heritage Trust in their quest to bid for a grant from The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF).

I wish both the Town Council and The Tavistock Heritage Trust all success with their bid.

Yours sincerely

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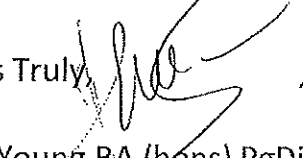
Dear Mr. Hearn,

Re: TAVISTOCK GUILDHALL GATEWAY PROJECT.

I write to you as the Chair of the Trustees of Tavistock Museum to assure you of the Museums' continuing support for the Tavistock "Gateway Project". I and my fellow trustees agree that this is a most important initiative for Tavistock as it will ensure that Tavistock's Guildhall, set as it is in the historic heart of town, will be preserved for the use of future generations as a place of both learning and recreation. It is, however, of particular interest for the Museum as the "Gate Way Project", located as it will be in the Guildhall, will be adjacent to the Museum and could complement some of the Museum's activities leading to the possibility of cooperation between the two initiatives in the future.

May I wish you every success for your endeavours,

Yours Truly,


Tom Young BA (hons) PgDip (Archaeology and Heritage)
Chairman of Trustees of Tavistock Museum.

Re - application by Tavistock Town Council for HLF funding for the proposed Tavistock Guildhall Gateway Centre - Round 2

To whom it may concern

This letter is written in support of the Tavistock Town Council funding bid for the Heritage Gateway proposal in Tavistock. The proposed development assists with urgently needed restoration and effective community use of the Guildhall complex, complements the Tavistock Museum facility and, importantly, provides a learning resource for the wider community.

The Tavistock and District Local History Society was established in 1985 and on average has some 70 to 100 members each year. It is a Registered Charity (No 294593) and the objects of the Society are "to advance the education of the public in relation to the history and heritage of Tavistock and the surrounding area (the Tavistock district)." In 1986 the Society founded the Tavistock Museum, which it managed, in all its forms, until the setting up of the present Tavistock Museum Trust in 2003, a Trust which is supported by the Society today.

The Society holds some 12-16 meetings a year including 8 indoor meetings with lectures and 4-6 outside visits to sites of local and/or historic interest, mainly to sites where private presentation gives members a broader insight into the special interests of that site and its importance. We have a twice-yearly Newsletter for all members and as a Society have been responsible for publishing several books on Tavistock history.

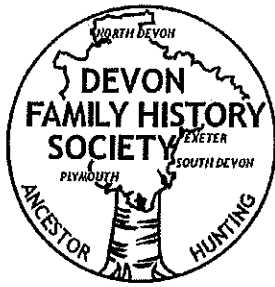
The Society encourages members to undertake their own programmes of research. In addition it has undertaken three major projects ie digitisation of the Thorington collection (ongoing) of the photographs of Jim Thorington, a Tavistock press photographer for some thirty years from the mid-sixties, 90000 images digitised to date; an oral history, interviewing and recording experiences and memories of local residents (completed) and digitisation of the archival material of Ward and Chowen, the second oldest and most connected Estate Agents in Devon, established c1830 undertaking much work for the Duke of Bedford Estate and the other estates in the area (ongoing).

Society members have been representing the Society's interests and offering advice with regard to the Tavistock Townscape Heritage Partnership (responsible for the promotion and steering of the recent successful THI bid) and the Tavistock World Heritage Site Key Centre Steering Group, including part-funding of the Learning and Interpretation Strategies. Members also provide community activities such as walks etc and have contributed to the Tavistock Heritage Festival and Tavistock Heritage Open Days, have made active contribution to the consultation process for the HLF Guildhall Project and, currently, a member of the History Society is a Trustee on the Tavistock Heritage trust Board. The project is an excellent opportunity to upgrade the Guildhall complex and also to offer societies such as ours, and the public at large, training opportunities and further partnership in the heritage affairs of Tavistock.

We are very involved and very committed, and earnestly wish that the current Guildhall project can obtain those funds so desperately needed if Guildhall project is to be completed. The Society will give this project its full and continuing support.

Simon Dell
Chairman, Tavistock and District Local History Society

31 March 2017



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9th June 2017

To whom it may concern

Tavistock Police Station, Guildhall and Trowte's House – Stage Two HLF Application

As Secretary of Devon Family History Society, and on its behalf, I am pleased to support Tavistock Town Council's Stage Two application for HLF funding to commence repairing, restoring and converting the Tavistock Guildhall, Police Station and Trowte's House, and as a matter of urgency, to bring them back into active use.

Tavistock is an ancient market town, ideally situated on the edge of Dartmoor and as a Gateway to Cornwall and the West Devon Mining World Heritage Site. Situated in the centre of Tavistock, the Guildhall and Magistrates' Court are Victorian Grade II* buildings, which have been listed by English Heritage on their 'Heritage at Risk' register. The Town Council's proposals will ameliorate this situation, to the benefit of all of its users.

Tavistock Town Council has carefully planned the future use of the Police Station, Trowte's House and Guildhall as centres of excellence for the local community, students and visitors to West Devon. It will also be a focal point for visitors from the Tavistock twinned towns of Celle in Germany and Pontivy in France. A Police & Magistrates' Museum is a much needed facility in West Devon. I am aware of this through the Society's work with the Police Heritage Trust. Parts of the buildings will also provide a hub for access to community services, with these public services delivered through a 'one-stop-shop', giving easy access to the council's and its partners' services, including information, health, social services and housing in one central location. Tavistock Town Council will work with Tavistock Heritage, Cornwall and West Devon Mining Landscape World Heritage Site and others to achieve complementary facilities.

I have read the related documents and am pleased to see the number of partners with whom it is planned to engage/consult at various stages throughout this enterprise. The involvement of partners from within the local council, the voluntary, charitable and historic communities, both local and national, will bring their various skills and advice to the project. The involvement of local schools and the learning community is welcomed.

As a retired teacher, both employed and living locally for over thirty years, I am very familiar with the Tavistock area, its heritage and its economic importance in the west of Devon and its very close neighbour, Cornwall. The restoration and preservation of these buildings will benefit the community as a whole. The proposed plans retain the integrity of the historic aspects of the buildings, whilst restoring, adapting and renovating them to a standard which meets the requirements of the modern today's user and visitor.

May I urge the Heritage Lottery Trust Fund to process the applicant's Stage Two application as swiftly as possible, to allow these plans to progress.

Yours sincerely,

Maureen Selley

Maureen Selley
Secretary, and on behalf of Devon Family History Society