

We are aware that there is no funding within your bid available to cover our share of any financial and staff time costs involved in these activities, and the intention is, so far as our capacity permits, to meet from our own resources. We are currently funded by Devon and Cornwall Police under an agreement which is due for consideration for renewal in September 2018. If that is successful our ongoing level of contribution beyond that will continue to be subject to our current constraints though it may be positively modified should be successful in raising appropriate levels of funding thereafter.

We intend to make our own application to HLF and other grant bodies to allow us to take fuller advantage of external partnerships, for example by improving our own collections care and documentation. Our current plans include complementary activities for our collaboration with the Tavistock Heritage Trust, which currently envisage the development of a schools-orientated forensic project, which would include the reconstruction of a crime scene in the Guildhall. Should this be advanced, a Guildhall project freelance educator and a SWPHT figure, such as an Archivist or Learning Officer, will need to work closely together on these projects. We will also seek to plan to share training and skills development and to develop a common evaluation framework where appropriate. We see this as a way of exploring the potential for similar partnerships in the future in Devon and Cornwall.

Should your Round 2 bid be successful, we will move to development of a Memorandum of Understanding setting out the terms of our collaboration. This will cover individual responsibilities and commitments including allocation of income accruing, allocation of costs, and other matters such as loan agreements, security arrangements, documentation and plans for collection care as well as covering emergency planning, insurance, copyright, ownership of any learning materials which are produced, and the arrangements for management of each partners' volunteers when on the other partners' premises.

Finally, I should like to add how pleased we are at the prospect of being part of such an inspiring project, and look forward to receiving a similar confirmation of engagement from the Tavistock Heritage Trust. We sincerely hope that your Round 2 application is approved as we feel that both parties have so much to benefit from this collaboration, leading to a vastly increased level of enjoyment and access to our collections and to your historic building, based on a joint ability to reach new audiences.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Rees', written over a light blue grid background.

David Rees
Chairman
South West Police Heritage Trust
Board of Trustees

