

History Working Party

Minutes of Meeting on 24 January 2025 at 9.30am in The Pattern Hall, Charlestown.

Attendees: Cllr Trudy Reynolds (co-Chair), Cllr Nick Foster, Sue Facey, Paula Robinson, Charlestown History Group (CHG). Apologies: Andy Trudgian (CHG co-chair).

Update from Charlestown History Group

- * SF and PR confirmed that new members are always welcome. Memberships for 2025 are open and remain at £10.00 for the year. Members have 4 free articles/information leaflets (The Digest), free access to archive material (Monday afternoons and Friday mornings) and free entry to many events, (charges do apply to some).
- * The CHG remains busy, working on various projects and updating the archive. Recent acquisitions from Richard Larn's artefacts are being catalogued and will be digitised in due course.
- * There will be another Battery Recharge clearance event at the Battery on Sunday 23rd February from 10.00 to 12.00. TR said she will invite the Diggers and Doers.
- * There will be a Spring Walk around the Leats on Sunday 13th April meeting at Penrice School at 10.30.
- * The St Piran's flag will be raised at the Battery on St Piran's Day (5th March) and other events may be planned to celebrate the date.

Duporth Information Board

- * TR confirmed that the Parish Council had budgetted for a Duporth Information Board to be erected during 2025/26.
- * NF agreed to take the lead on this as he has done considerable research work on the Rashleigh (Duporth) estate.
- * SF said that one of the members of the CHG also has a lot of information. TR said that Councillor Matt Sanders also has access to some historical information via a website/app. NF will work collaboratively on the production.

Acquisition of Historical Artefacts

- * The Parish Council had been given a bell, a set of Charlestown Estate branding irons and a leather bag belonging to a Charlestown Estate employee. These items are displayed in a display case in the entrance hall of the Pattern Hall.
- * TR asked the CHG if they could produce a narrative for each item and a narrative/design for the outside of the display case to give some historical context to the items. This was agreed and an initial draft will be produced before the Parish Council meeting on 20th March.
- * TR asked the CHG to consider whether any cleaning or preservation work was needed, particularly in relation to the leather bag.
- * TR said there had been no update regarding any potential acquisition of the anchors around the village.

AOB

* PR asked whether anything was being done about the overhead electricity wires near the Rashleigh. TR said that it had been raised with the Parish Council but no action had been taken.

*PR said that the QR code board near the Cask Banks was missing. TR said that the Parish Council had replaced this a while ago and had it gone missing again? PR will double-check.

(Subsequently it was confirmed that the QR code board is in situ.)

Further meeting to be arranged before the end of the current council year (April 2025).