

## OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

**Hertford Museum Trust**

Purpose:

Hertford Museum aims to collect, preserve and interpret evidence of the history of the county town and surrounding parishes in the district of East Hertfordshire for the interest, enjoyment and understanding of the local community and other visitors.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Sophie Bell

Update:

One of the big issues for the Museum has resolved around finding different ways of fundraising, an issue which has existed since the start of the pandemic, which has prevented the museum from carrying out many of its usual fundraisers. The Museum has been working to increase the number of Business Supporters and Business Patrons that it has, and I helped them to secure one of these – Croudace New Homes.

They have also been dealing with the impact of the Birchley Green redevelopment, which temporarily resulted in loss of rear access to the Museum and therefore a drop in the numbers the Museum could safely hold in line with fire regulations, but thankfully this has been reinstated and capacity numbers restored to their previous levels.

The Museum has also be trialling Sunday opening hours, which has been very successful, which is staffed by both museum staff member and a volunteer trustee.

There are four main trustee meetings each year, and I have attended all of them. I also sit on the Fundraising Committee, and have attended all four meetings of this Committee. Finally, I have volunteered for 7 Sunday shifts and the Museum.

Update provided by: Cllr Sophie Bell

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