



# STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

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## COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

### MEMBER REPORT

<b>NAME OF ORGANISATION/BODY</b>	Woodchester Park Mansion
<b>DATE OF LAST MEETING ATTENDED</b>	28 February 2022
<b>BRIEF REPORT</b>	
<p>The Trust has been successful in acquiring a 'Steps to Sustainability' lottery grant of £10,000 to promote the bats. This will include improving the displays, redecorating the bat observatory, and buying new monitors and bat related items to sell in the shop.</p> <p>The Trust continues to talk to Kevin, from Museum in the Park, with a view to having some items from the museum on display at the Mansion.</p> <p>This year the Trust will benefit from fourteen visits by an American company specialising in natural history tours. They are particularly interested in seeing the bats at the Mansion. The will include a tour of a Mansion, a buffet supper and an opportunity to see the bats fly out to forage. and will bring in much needed funds.</p> <p>Work continues with students from both Bath University studying historic conservation and Bath College for stonemasons' training on a regular basis. The Trust is starting to develop visits from students at Stroud College too; in the first instance trainee bricklayers will be visiting.</p> <p>The Trustees are very keen for a visit by District Councillors to be arranged. They have even suggested that SDC might like to hold a council meeting there.</p> <p>I was pleased to inform the Trustees that SDC is about to appoint a Tourism Officer. A visit by the Officer would be welcomed following the appointment.</p> <p>Reroofing of part of the south range of the Mansion is currently being undertaken. Roof tiles are being sponsored with the names of the donors underneath the tiles.</p> <p>Match funding continues to be an issue for the Trustees. Very often funds are available from various agencies but finding the Trust's share can be a problem. The Trustees continue to discuss this issue with Senior Officers at SDC.</p>	
<b>REPORT SUBMITTED BY</b>	Cllr Steve Robinson
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