



# STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

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## COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

### MEMBER REPORT

<b>NAME OF ORGANISATION/BODY</b>	Woodchester Park Mansion
<b>BRIEF REPORT</b>	
<p>The Trustees of the Mansion were extremely grateful for the £50,000 grant towards the Phase 1 Improvements to the North Range. It will enable work to commence on the small work units.</p> <p>The scaffolding has now been removed from The Croft and the Trustees await the grant from Historic Houses Foundation for the second phase.</p> <p>Unfortunately, Natural England has decided to stop paying the £2k towards heating the bat roost. This is disappointing in view of the increase in utility bills.</p> <p>An Open Evening has been arranged for all members of Friends of the Mansion on September 14<sup>th</sup>. The Trustees are looking forward to a visit from Cllr Chris Brine in the near future.</p> <p>Cllr Steve Robinson was thanked for arranging a visit by two visually impaired men. The reason for the visit was to look at the possibility of having guided tours for visually impaired visitors. Mark Austen and Mike Kelly have been involved in setting up tours for the visually impaired at Westonbirt and the SS Great Britain. Work on the tours will be carried ready for next spring.</p> <p>The Trustee's feel that the Mansion is in a better position to go through the winter months following a recent film shoot for 'Bear Wolf' Netflix at the mansion.</p>	
<b>REPORT SUBMITTED BY</b>	Cllr Steve Robinson
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