

ASH & DISTRICT MUSEUM SOCIETY
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING REPORT 2022-2023

Ash Museum is located in the Ash Cemetery Chapel at Ash Cemetery, Ash Church Road. The Society is a registered charity and is operated by a dedicated group of local volunteers.

During the year, the trustees met face to face and virtually via Zoom. Topics of discussion were the museum's finances, applications for grant funding and the latest acquisitions. The forward plan was reviewed and revised during the year; this sets out the targets and operational arrangements for the three-year period up to 30th September 2025.

Post Covid, the Museum opened for six extra days, including the National Heritage Weekend. The volunteers have welcomed group visits from the Ash U3A and children from Ash Grange School. In addition, a couple of the trustees have done some outreach work with the Ash Vale Brownies and a talk at Guildford Guildhall.

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Ash Centre on 18th November 2022. All Trustees put themselves forward to serve for another year and this was accepted by the Membership.

The Museum continued to benefit from further Covid Pandemic Government grants totalling £8667.00 and Dave Brown, Chairman of the Victoria Hall committee ran a quiz night and the sum raised of £225.00 was donated to the Museum funds. These amounts were very welcome given that expenditure is currently exceeding income. This has been caused by the significant increase in energy costs and the insurance premium.

Ash Parish Council continues to support the Museum and the public toilet located close to the Chapel has been particularly useful for visitors to the cemetery and the Museum. With this in place it is hoped that more volunteers may come forward so the Chapel can open more often.

New members are always welcome, and membership is very affordable at just £5.00 a year. If you would like to join, please contact the Treasurer Mr Richard Tolley, ashmuseum@ntlworld.com.

Councillor Mrs Marsha J Moseley
Trustee and Ash Parish Council Representative.