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Annual report from Saltash Heritage 2020/2021

Due to the unforeseen circumstances of the pandemic, Saltash Heritage, who are always ready to deal with unusual situations, prepared itself for a lockdown procedure. As from March 2020 our museum was shut to the general public, notices placed on our websites, social media and in our museum window, explaining the situation. The Management team quickly set about working from home with only one person at a time working in our building taking all recommended safety advice, sanitising everything, wearing masks, social distancing etc. For insurance purposes weekly checks were done on the whole of the building, and this continues. Various members of the team have been continuing to respond to requests for research and advice which come in via the phone and the internet. Work has progressed with our outreach workers continuing to transcribe material, the Archivist and Web master have continued to enter data onto our computers and the Treasurer, secretary and Chair continue with their work and along with all the team are kept up to date with all that is happening. A regular monthly blog is sent out to all our membership and volunteers, with reassurance of our ability to maintain our status both financially and keep ourselves in the public eye.

We succeeded in October 2020 to win one of the prestigious seven awards which were presented to museums in Cornwall for work done in the museum in 2019 and to be highly recommended with a second award in a different category.

Our current exhibition is ready to meet all social distancing and we are all prepared as soon as Government guidelines permit, to open to the general public, whether it will be during this year or next, honouring those conditions set at the time.

We have all managed to keep ourselves busy and positive during these hard times and if we can cope with this as a large volunteer group, we feel we can cope with anything.

Lizzy Sharpe-Asprey
Hon Secretary
19th February 2021