

STROUD DISTRICT (COWLE) MUSEUM SERVICE

Manifesto - to provide a museum service that encourages everyone who works, lives or visits the Stroud District to be proud of its past, present and future.

Through this information sheet and the verbal update, I will provide insight into our work during 2020. In particular, our response during Covid-19 and an indication of some of the current projects we are working on. All of which supports our manifesto.

1. Externally funded projects 1:

- Collections Management System functional specification creation (Jan 2020).
- New Community Co-Curated Space (Jan 2020).

2. Covid-19 – closing, opening and response

- The Museum closed to the public from 18th March.
- The Museum team have undertaken a substantial online campaign whilst working from home. This is continuing during the current national lockdown.
- We phased re-opening from July 2020 as follows, with return to lockdowns as required such as in November and January:

Phase 1 – opening of walled garden from 4th July,

Phase 1A – Shop – This re-opened from 4th August,

Phase 1B – limited public programme events,

Phase 2 – temporary Exhibition Gallery from 25th August,

Phase 2A – (Sept onwards) further temporary exhibitions and public programming,

Phase 3 – Mansion House/Collections – delivery of guided tours (from end of Oct).

- Nearly 2,000hrs have been contributed by volunteers to end of December, mainly in the walled garden.
- We have continued to work with other community based organisations to support activities and launched our first online talk series.

3. Externally funded projects 2

- Review of museum interpretation.
- Remote Learning Project.

- ### **4. Supporter Scheme -** Work continues to secure funding for our new free-to-join supporter scheme. If successful, this would be a major project during 2021/22.

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