



GIBRALTAR HERITAGE TRUST

ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19





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**This report covers the period from the Gibraltar Heritage Trust's
Activities from 2018 to July 2019**



CHAIRMAN'S foreword

My appointment as Chairman is nearly halfway through my second two year term in post. During this time the Trust has continued in the sustained endeavor to protect and enhance Gibraltar's heritage. This task is only possible thanks to the huge contribution by the Team in The Main Guard - Claire, Tasmin, Germaine, Wendy and Mark.

Also we are indebted to my fellow Trustees who voluntarily give up their time supporting the Trust's activities and events. Last but not least a

big thank you to our small army of volunteers who unselfishly turn up every week at Witham's Cemetery to carry out the restoration of this historical site.

In May 2019 we held our 30th Annual Painting Competition. This is a landmark event in our calendar and it is very well supported by young and old. We are grateful to the Culture Agency for supporting the event and for the generous donation of £1,000 as the first prize in the Adult Section. Also, later this year we will be publishing the 25th edition of the Heritage Journal. A major achievement thanks to the effort of many in the past quarter century.

This year the Trust obtained public exposure in two T.V. series aired by G.B.C. "Working with History" co-produced by G.B.C.'s Colin Pons and Claire Montado and "Fortress Gibraltar" produced by Dr. Darren Fa.

Our liaison with the Ministry for Heritage is an important facet of our day to day operations. This relationship ensures our participation in all aspects concerning the preservation of our heritage assets. We continue to tighten those links as we work together to protect our heritage. I would like to end by expressing the Trust's gratitude to our Patron, His Excellency The Governor, for his support and his interest in the work of the Trust.

Ian Balestrino

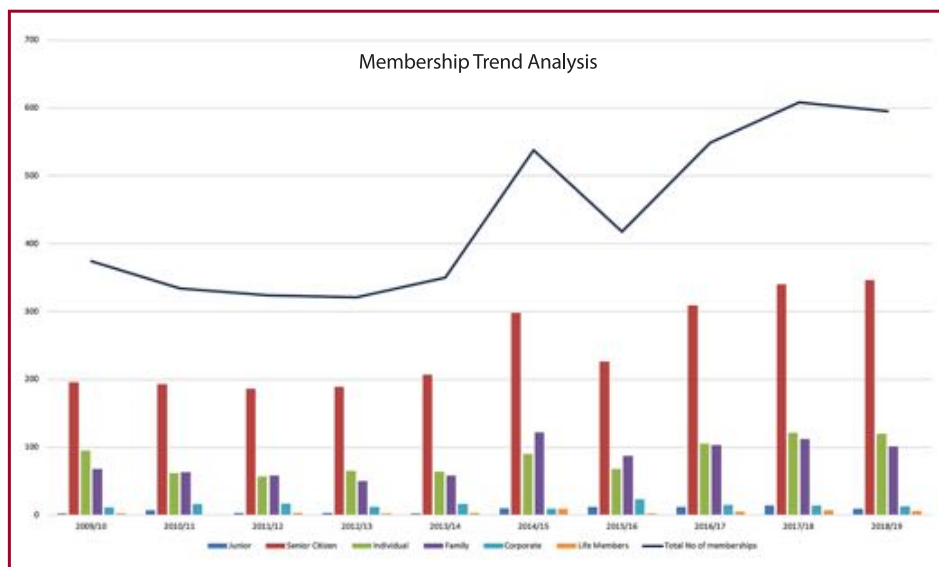
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YEAR IN review

This report covers the Gibraltar Heritage Trust's membership period to July 2019.

Membership

The trend of increasing membership numbers has continued with the exception of our corporate memberships which although have not increased are generally stable. We have had positive reception to our efforts to increase member benefits and will continue to work on enhancing these throughout the next membership cycle.



We have hosted a total of 27 events and outings in the last 12 months. Our programme of events is very popular, and all tours are booked out, often with waiting lists. We realise that this can be frustrating for members, but we are often constrained by security considerations or the physical limitations of the site. We do try to accommodate further tours and our volunteer guides are always very flexible. We would not like to discontinue visits to certain sites due to group size restrictions as by their very nature these sites have a lot of interesting information to offer and it's important to keep raising awareness about them.



The Main Guard

Events at the Main Guard have continued, if less frequently. We hosted authors Roy and Lesley Adkins who gave a short presentation on their latest book 'Gibraltar: Britain's Greatest Siege' followed by a book signing.

We held an Open Doors at the Main Guard on 6th April. Although it was a very wet morning many took the time to come in and visit the building. Our Trustees and staff were



Mr Lanigan and Trustee Alfred Sacramento

about to chat with members and answer any questions. There was the opportunity to see our collection of maps and photos as well as video presentations on our work. A special video interview of a gentleman who was a baker for 3 years with the RASC at the Town Range Bakery was also shown on the day.

The Main Guard shop continues to do business for the Trust and is the information hub for our members with all bookings for tours and events being made through the shop. We have now introduced a children's colouring corner which is being well used by locals and visiting tourists alike.



Adkins meet and greet

Mr Lanigan shared his memories of his time in Gibraltar in the 1960s and the details on the operation of the ovens and bread making process. Additionally, we had a special colouring corner for the children which introduced Bitzy – our new Junior Heritage Mascot. We hope to make the Open Doors an annual event.



Lucy Florance picking up her prize for naming our mascot 'Bitzy'

Trustees

We went into our AGM in November with a vacancy for a Trustee elected from our membership. Mr Anthony Adamberry was successful in his nomination and commenced his 2 year appointment for the Board. Mr Victor Hemida also stepped down after serving with the Trust for 4 years.

OUR AREAS of work

The DPC

There have been 13 meetings of the DPC in this membership year and some 658 applications have been processed in this time. Of these there have been 20 'Major Development' Applications – some of which have long planning histories dating back a couple of years as they have gone through various iterations of design and addressed issues flagged up throughout the planning process.

Notable private developments are:

92 Devil's Tower Road: E1 – This development received full planning permission at the meeting



E1 at Devil's Tower Road

of the 26th February. Although the Trust maintained an objection to the development on the grounds of its height and location at the base of the North Face of the Rock, we accepted the developers

Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment that concluded that the impact of the building on the North Face would be negligible from key vantage points and approaches. Due to proximity to the Devil's Tower Rock Shelter and Forbes' Quarry, an archaeological watching brief condition is in place. The Trust reiterated its call for a holistic plan for the Devil's Tower Road area.



E1 entrance

British Lines Filling Station:

The application for the new CEPSPA station, relocated from its current location on Winston Churchill Avenue, was filed and passed. The application was subject to a Heritage Desk Based Assessment which informed a low to medium potential for the discovery of archaeological remains dating from the Great Siege and also into the 19th Century due to the proximity to the Lazaretto in the area. An Archaeological Watching Brief condition is in place.



British Lines fueling station

24-28 Engineer's Lane: The development of this property into Studios and 1 and 2 bedroom apartments was approved following a number of revisions to the scheme in order to keep it within



Engineer Lane as existing

the architectural style of the old town. Internally there are conditions for the retention of the original fine marble staircase, entrance hall tiles and stucco work. These have all been incorporated into the scheme. A proposal for 30-32 Engineer Lane presented later in the year continues the appearance and redevelops what is currently a very dilapidated building.



Engineer Lane proposed

47 Line Wall Road: The application to demolish the existing building was refused by the DPC on the grounds that the existing building should be recovered and redeveloped. The 6 storey building proposed for this location was also deemed to be out of character with Gibraltar's Old Town and therefore inappropriate for the location. The residents of the area also mounted a petition against the demolition, favouring the redevelopment and reuse of the existing building. A desk based assessment illustrated the history of the building and the survival of the existing historical fabric. Assessments and consideration of course of action for the building are still ongoing by the developer and their architect.



47 Line Wall Road



44 town Range

44 Town Range: The previously consented to application for a ground plus 7 storey residential development on this site was withdrawn and a new application for a ground plus 4 storey office development received permission. The Trust was pleased with the reduction in height on what would otherwise have been an eyesore at the southern end of Town Range. In both schemes the façade of the stone building and Officers Quarters were kept

with the extended development starting set back from the streetscape. A stone standalone laundry building within the site will be lost but is subject to a level 2 heritage record being taken. Items have also been identified for salvage and reuse within the development.

73-77 Catalan Bay: After a number of revisions to the scheme which initially proposed a complete demolition of the existing building, increase in height and various options that would overhang the seafront promenade, the approved scheme will extend and adapt the existing building in a way that maintains the majority of the building and therefore the existing character of this section of the village. The cottage at the rear of the site at 60-70 Catalan Bay was also subject to a separate application for its redevelopment. The cottage itself is being retained and a new extension to it will go in towards the rear of the site. In both applications a heritage Desk Based Assessment was completed and an archaeological watching brief is conditioned.



60-70 Catalan Bay cottage with extension to the rear



77 Catalan Bay



Catalan Bay proposed

Devil's Tongue, Queensway:

The proposed development of a ground plus 15 storey mixed used development with car parking, commercial, business and residential space was granted outline planning permission in December 2018. Although the developer and architect had been in consultation with the Trust as the scheme developed we were always open about the fact that the



Devils Tongue proposal

height of the building was too much for the location. This said, the public domain element of the scheme with its open ground floor and the fact that the main bulk of the building commenced well above the first floor made the building appealing in design with relation to the human scale. The sculptural design proposed is also a bold move for Gibraltar, but the Trust felt that it was not appropriate for the location proximity to the Old Town.

Ex-King George V Hospital:

In 2014 the Trust was asked for its views on the proposal that this site was to go out for Expressions of Interest. We were keen that the building should stay in as close to original form as possible and that it should not increase over the height of South Barrack/Europa Road. The resulting application for the extension of the building and conversion into a care home was given full planning consent in December 2018 and retains the main building, albeit with an extra floor, and the ex-Bishop Healy Home (original Nurse's Quarters). A survey for historical features was carried out and an archaeological watching brief on any ground works is in place.



Ex - King George V Hospital

Cable Car upgrade and redevelopment of top station: This project has been to the DPC a couple of times in the last 12 months and is yet to achieve permission. The Trust has been involved in a number of consultation briefings with architects, environmental



Cable Car upgrade project - proposed top station

impact assessment agents and site visits. The project will expand the top station within the footprint and massing of the current station, improve interpretation and accessibility to gun emplacements and tunnels that are currently inaccessible at the top station. The size of the cable car cabin will also be increased from a current capacity of 30 to 80 passengers per trip. The bottom station at Grand Parade will be enlarged and upgraded. The number of pillars for the cable car trajectory will be reduced from 3 to 2. Decision on whether the project will go forward has been deferred until impacts of increased visitor numbers has been studied and effectively mitigated for.

Stone warehouses 70,73 and 80 on Dockyard Approach Road: The works being carried out to convert these warehouses in the headquarters and operations base for the Bassadone Automotive Group has been the subject of a member visit in January this year. The project to sensitively restore, convert and adapt these warehouses is well advanced. Liaison is ongoing.



Dockyard Warehouse

Also sometimes not all projects are constructed as initially planned. This was the case of a new warehouse on Dockyard Approach Road which the Trust did not support as we feel that the original warehouses should be the feature of this road and enhances rather than obscured by new construction. The discrepancy was reported to the Town Planners who had already taken action and stopped the works. Designs are currently being reviewed.

Consultation is also ongoing on a number of Government Projects which will be covered in the next sections.

LIASION WITH government

Ministry for Heritage



Almond Tower Jan 2018

Works once commenced have been monitored and photographic records taken for posterity.

The Ministry has also undertaken a number of heritage conservation and repair jobs on sections of wall requiring significant structural repair. The Almond Tower at the Moorish Castle has been restored and strengthened. A section above Southport Gates has also been tackled and further works



Human skull in situ

are taking place to consolidate the arch that today forms the entrance to Moorish Castle Estate. The stone balustrade at the Garrison Library is also being repaired and restored.

followed up. In the last 12 months a number of archaeological features have been discovered and recorded, mostly preserved in situ. The airport tunnel works uncovered what has been interpreted as a wreck – most likely Roman due to the roman ceramics. The wreck had the remains of at least 2 human skeletons. The evidence shows that it has been moved around a great deal over the centuries due to shifting sands and tides.

Liaison over day to day heritage management issues continue. Since the new Heritage Act, commenced in August 2018, 13 Heritage Licenses for works to monuments or listed buildings have been issued. In all cases we have endeavoured to be quick in responding to queries and liaising with applicants, providing guidance on preparation of Method Statements.



Almond Tower May 2019

Desk Based Assessments and Archaeological watching briefs are also being enforced and



Recovered ceramics



Surveying the site

Within the MOD site at 4 Corners what is believed to be the remains of the base of the 16th Century 'Torre del Molino' has been found. The discovery of this substantial feature necessitated the slight deviation of new

infrastructure pipes in order to avoid damage to it. The remains will be appropriately protected and then covered over with interpretation installed on site.



Extent of the tower base



Moorish period wall at Europa Point

Watching briefs associated with works at Europa Point have identified a large section of wall dating from the Moorish period as well as fragments of ceramics – including an almost complete bowl. These latest discoveries add support to references that there may have been a settlement at Europa Point in Moorish times. All items recovered have been deposited with the Gibraltar National Museum.



Ceramics recovered from Europa Point



Nun's well area cleared

The Ministry has also been working to improve the area around the Nun's Well. The building that was over the well entrance, together with its mock crenellations, was

demolished towards the end of 2018 and marked the start of the beautification of the site.



Almost complete pot recovered

A barrier fence has been placed around the site and this has addressed the problem of illegal parking on the surface over the barrel vaulted tanks below. The cobbled area has been retained and picnic tables placed as well as some planting. Interpretation boards will also be installed in the near future. The well itself will be cleaned and further studied in the next phase of the project. There has also been coordination over the salvage of a large oven which the Trust alerted the Government to within 304 Main



Oven ready to be moved to storage

Street (now ClubHouse premises). The building used to be the Convent kitchens and the Trust was aware of the existence of a large range within the building. As a large, bulky item it was not possible to remove in one piece so it has therefore been carefully dismantled and taken into storage by the Gibraltar Museum. As an item of social history, the Trust hopes to help identify a place that it can be reassembled and displayed as soon as possible.



Oven pre disassembly

Tenders and Expressions of Interest



We continue to build on relationships with departments in this area. Together with LPS and the Ministry for Heritage we have visited a number of properties within the old town to assess their heritage value or identify items needing salvage, recording or retention ahead of the property being released for tender. In all cases our feedback has been taken on board and reflected in the tender notice or conditions.



Our view of properties in the old town is that opportunity should be given for them to be refurbished by owner/occupiers in the case of smaller buildings or for let in a way that makes the building upkeep and occupation sustainable. Each property is important in contributing to the overall mass and appearance of Gibraltar's Old Town and as such it is the Trust's aim to conserve footprints, roofscapes and traditional façades, whilst also supporting sensitive alterations and upgrading of the urban fabric.



Bella Vista Cottage, main entrance

A significant property that was released for tender earlier this year was Bella Vista Cottage in the area of Mount Road. Input from the Ministry for Heritage and the Trust was reflected in the Tender Notice which resulted in consultation with



Bella Vista Cottage has some unique features

the Trust on proposals for the building. The process is ongoing, and we continue to keep appraised of any developments.

Sports Facilities

Monitoring at the new Lathbury and Europa sports facilities have continued throughout the year. The Museum Archaeologist has been on site very frequently and been on hand to report or interpret finds as and when required. Interpretation will be installed as works are finalised.

Northern Defences

Now in its 5th year, all the tunnels within the site have been cleared and cleaned. The northern section of the Queens Lines has also been cleared and defences exposed once again. Simple handrails have been installed along the paths. Work in the forthcoming year will focus on the southern section of the lines and the removal of tonnes of masonry. The Government continues in negotiation with the preferred tenderer from the Expressions of Interest call.



Pathways continue to be cleared



Spanish period steps and wall rediscovered as part of the clearance works



Clearance of rubble and vegetation expose fortifications

Other areas

Waste Water Treatment Plant:

A major project planned for the ex-Brewery Crusher Site at Europa Point. As a Statutory Consultee on Environmental Impact Assessments, the Trust provided its feedback on the initial proposals. These included the need for a Heritage Assessment of the site which has since been completed.



Photomontage of proposed plant subject to further landscaping and reduction in mass

Mitigation and protection for the listed Europa Defence Walls that run through the site are being studied as well as looking at ways of reducing the visual impact of both above ground pipes and infrastructure required to feed the plant and also the appearance of the plant itself. Options of sinking it into the site are being explored as well as reductions in height.

GBC Studios, South Jumpers Bastion:

Despite our opposition to the principle of construction on the city walls, we have been liaising with the Ministry



Details within the Bastion

for Heritage and the architects and developers on the details of the project in order to mitigate any irreparable damage to the fortification. In all cases we are advocating for the reuse of existing openings rather than the creation of new ones. A WWII bunker and position have been designed into the scheme and will be retained. There are also other interpretative elements in mind.



The internal area of South Jumpers Bastion

Hassans Centenary Terraces:

In February this year, the Trust, together with the Environmental Safety Group (ESG) and the Gibraltar Ornithological and Natural History Society (GONHS), issued a joint statement on the newly announced affordable housing scheme proposed for the Eastside reclamation. Together we are concerned that the development would go



Photo montage of Hassans Centenary Terraces

ahead in the absence of a holistic plan for this large area of reclaimed land and that the finding of the Environment Impact Assessment were not being given the consideration they were due. The three NGO's had had a very open and honest discussion with the Chief Minister and his Chief Technical Officer on our concerns prior to the statement being issued. However it was felt necessary to bring the concerns to the public sphere as part of the proceedings of the DPC. We continue to follow up on the issues raised so as to ensure that decisions over any development at this site are made on balance and in the knowledge of all the information at our disposal.

The Heritage Act

Since the commencement of the Heritage and Antiquities Act in August 2018, there have been 3 meetings of the Heritage and Antiquities Advisory Council. There are a variety of issues being discussed such a recommendations of Government heritage policies on maintenance and repair of listed monuments, coordination of enforcement efforts, and additions to the schedule of Listed Buildings.

LIASION WITH ministry of defence



Consultation ahead of works on historic buildings within the MOD complex

Changes within the Ministry of Defence have meant that there has been no meeting of the Conservation Group since October 2018, however consultations on proposed works to historic buildings within the MOD estate are still ongoing and continue to be beneficial to the conservation of these assets.

We have requested that the Conservation Group meetings pick up again as it is an important forum for heritage and natural history stakeholders.

LIASION WITH university of gibraltar

The Parasol Librarian at the University has restarted the Libraries Forum and some progress is being made towards creating a unified database of Gibraltar related materials held by all members of the forum. The University lecture series continued with our Chief Executive giving a well-attended lecture on the importance of Heritage.



CEO giving a presentation at the University of Gibraltar

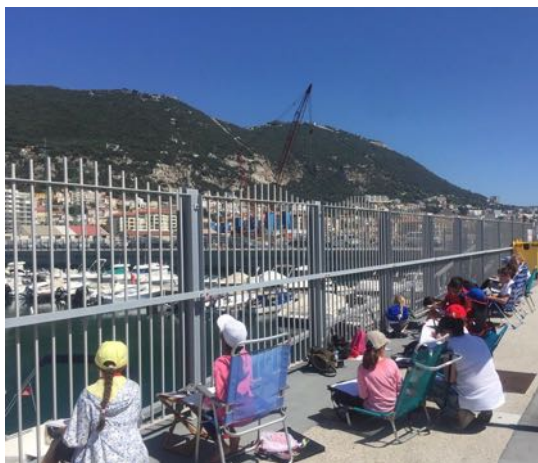


*Heritage Values Infographic
(Source Historic England 2018)*

ANNUAL events

Painting Competition:

We are pleased to report that our 30th anniversary competition drew a wide variety of entrants this year. The theme 'A view of the Rock' set the vantage point as the Small Boats Marina and Coaling Island. Thanks to the support of Gibraltar Cultural Services the top prize in the adult section has been boosted to £1000 and this category saw tough competition.



Painters at work



A warm Saturday morning



Minister Cortes at the Prize Giving



All the winners assembled

Our panel of judges had a tough time, but after much deliberations the winners were announced as:

Adult Section (age 17 and over):

- 1st - Louis Peralta
- 2nd - Gema Larios Calderon
- 3rd - Vin Mifsud

Highly Commended: Javier Pérez Plata, Lee Dadpour & Kathleen Victory



1st Prize Louis Peralta



2nd Prize Gema Larios Calderon



3rd Prize Vin Mifsud

Junior Section (Age 11 – 16):

- 1st - Sinead Desoisa
- 2nd -Matthew Bosano
- 3rd - Alex Moreno

Highly Commended: Isabella Camillen



*1st Prize & David Gladstone Prize
Sinead Desoisa*



2nd prize Matthew Bosano



3rd Prize Alex Moreno

Children's Section (Age 10 and under):

- 1st - Kate Piñer
- 2nd - Emily Gomez
- 3rd - Amalia Bell-Horne

Highly Commended: Grace Gomez Goldwin, Sofia Kemp



1st Prize Kate Piner



2nd Prize Emily Gomez



3rd Prize Amalia Bell Horne

The David Gladstone Prize for most promising Artist: Sinead Desoisa

Heritage Awards & Dinner:

The 2018 Heritage Awards and Dinner was once again a busy affair with 8 heritage awards being presents comprising of 3 group awards, 2 individual awards, and 3 Commendations. There were no nominations for the Junior Award category this year.

The first Group Heritage Award was awarded to The Arches in recognition of the restoration and redevelopment of 'The Arches' formally known as 'The Gibraltar Police Barracks'. Although some elements of the original complex were lost in this redevelopment, the vast majority of the buildings, their character and elements have been retained. Additionally, and worthy of recognition is the investment of private capital in a large piece of real-estate in Gibraltar's historic old town which brings with it regenerative aspects in a previously derelict area and inspires confidence in others to carry out similar projects. The Award was accepted by developers CIMCO partners.

The second Group Heritage Award was awarded to Plata Villa, for the building previously known as Old St Joseph's School, Witham's Road. The project has seen the demolition of later accretions to the building and the retention of its original form, the restoration of original ironwork, cleaning of stonework, a new pan tiled roof and reinstallation of original Gibraltar vernacular features. The Award was accepted by the developers and contractors REAFINA Ltd.

The third Group Heritage Award was awarded to MH Blands for the publication of 'The Story of Gibraltar' with Christopher Lloyd. The book allows young readers to discover Gibraltar's history from the earliest times to present day in a unique newspaper reporting format which includes a fold out timeline charting 100 key moments in the Rock's extraordinary history. The publication sets a very high standard in both concept and design appearance and stands out on any Gibraltar Bookshelf.

The first Individual Heritage Award was awarded to local business James Sanguinetti & Son. The business has been restoring furniture since 1870 resulting in three generations handling and learning the trade. The existence of the business and the standard of their work has meant that many items have been repaired and reused locally, keeping our heritage alive in many ways.

The second Individual Heritage Award was awarded to Grape Vine House, at 23 Naval Hospital Road, owned by Gil Podesta. This Gibraltar vernacular property has been beautifully restored over decades by Mr Podesta from a near derelict state. Mr Podesta and his family are always keen to share the importance and history of all these items with their neighbours and passers-by with infectious enthusiasm.

The first Special Commendation was awarded to George Valarino for his publication 'This is Gibraltar'. The book's title were the first three words broadcasted over Radio Gibraltar

back in 1958 and it chronicles the development of broadcasting in Gibraltar, ranging from WWII when broadcasting was run by the Ministry of Information in the UK to the many services provided today in Gibraltar. The second Special Commendation was awarded to Orion House, George's Lane for the restoration of a Gibraltarian Town House, which has been converted into 4 apartments.

The property has retained and restored a number of vernacular elements such as its traditional tiled entrance hallway, restored stairway and balustrades and a sympathetic restoration of the façade including a sympathetic extension to the roof. The third Special Commendation was awarded to Justin Bautista for the creation and publication of a series of recipe books under the brand of 'Mama Lottie's'. Mama Lottie's was founded in 2012 by Justin Bautista as a method of sharing recipes that come from Gibraltar. Justin is continually learning, adapting and aims to bring fun back into the kitchen and make cooking fun for younger generations.



Plata Villa



James Sanguinetti & Sons



Chris Lloyd



The arches



Group photo



Professor Dominic Tweddle, Director General of the National Navy Museum Portsmouth, speaking on 'Naval Heritage, Opportunity or Burden'.



Grape-vine-house

Member Visits:

Our members programme has been busy once again with a total of 25 events delivered. We have had over 750 members participate in our walks, talks and outings. Our quiz night took a break this year, but we hope to bring it back again in 2020.

The 2018/2019 programme of events visited places like the Water Reservoirs; a boat trip to see the defences from the Sea; a visit to the SOE station in the Middle Galleries; visits to the Franciscan Murals at the Convent; tours of the Northern Defences; walking tour of the City Walls; World War II Tunnels; Fire Station and Victoria Battery; a tour of buildings 70,80 and 83 at the Dockyard; a junior tour of the Northern Defences; a day trip to Jerez; visit to O'Hara's Battery; and a visit to the World Heritage Interpretation Centre. Our 2019/20 programme is already filling up with a host of new and interesting tours.



Waterworks



Fire Station



Oharas Battery



Victoria Battery



IWMF at Calle Comedia



Mural Tour



Jerez



AquaGib Waterworks visit



SOE/ Middle Galleries



Costal Defences boat trip



Convent Summer fair



Bassadone/ Dockyard



City Walls Walk

Fortress of Gibraltar Group

The Fortress of Gibraltar Group (FOGG) have continued with their visit and survey programme focussed mainly on WWII positions around the Rock. They are always at hand to provide historical information when requested. They hosted a very popular tour of the SOE Ops post at the Middle Galleries which was enjoyed by all who attended. This lesser known element of



Recording of WWII bunkers

Gibraltar's wartime history is coming more to the fore with a recent spate of fascinating publications such as 'The Morse Code Wrens of Station X' and 'Defending the Rock'.



FoGS led tunnel tour

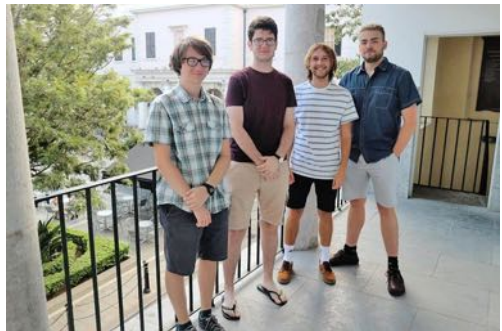


Visits to coastal defences

The group is continuing with the huge task of recording Gibraltar's WWII positions with the aim of publishing their research and a catalogue of Gibraltar's WWII assets at a future date.

New Comers Handbook

We were approached by EY last year with a proposal to produce some material for them aimed at informing their clients and business visitors to Gibraltar that stay longer than the average tourist and therefore required something that went deeper than what is currently on offer. We came up with the idea of a Handbook in the form of a folder with sections that can be easily updated and expanded. The majority of the information was gathered by a team of 4 summer students that were placed at the Trust on the



2018 Summer students

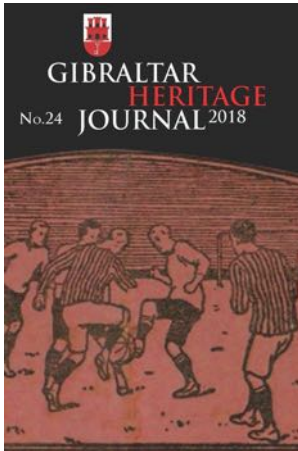


New Comers Handbook

Government's summer student job scheme and then edited by staff and Trustees. The result is a mini file that we plan to add to and develop the content of over the coming year. The files are on general sale from the Trust Shop. Our thanks to EY for sponsoring this initiative and to BWI for making it all happen.

Friends of Gibraltar

In continuance of our longstanding mutually supportive relationship with the Friends, the October Seminar and AGM was attended by the Trust's Chairman and Chief Executive. Both gave a presentation on the Trust's project at Witham's Cemetery as well as a briefing on how the new Heritage and Antiquities Act will function. Both presentations were well received with pledges of further support for the Trust and its work. A group of Friends will once again be welcomed to Gibraltar by the Trust at their annual visit to the Rock in June 2019.

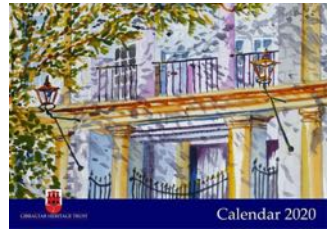


Heritage Journal Cover 24 2018

GHT Calendar

The 2019 Calendar themed on the 240th Anniversary of the Great Siege was again popular, although it did not sell out as the previous years have done.

Still, as is its main aim, it generated some income for the Trust. The 2020 Calendar celebrates the 30th Anniversary of the Trust's Painting and Sketching competition and reproduces 13 winning entries held in our collections. It includes paintings by well known artists such as Vin Mifsud, Christian Hook and Leslie Gaduzo. The Calendar is already on sale from our shop and online.



Calendar 2020 cover

Gibraltar Heritage Journal

Hot on the heels of the publication of Journal No.24 last year, we are well advanced with Journal No.25 for later this year. Our 25th Anniversary edition is under the new editorial watch of Richard Garcia and will not disappoint in terms of the usual variety of articles. This being a special anniversary edition, there will be a formal launch to announce its publication.

Witham's Cemetery Project

The last 12 months have seen major improvements within the cemetery. The main path was finished late last year. We also now have a dedicated water and electricity supply for the cemetery and should be seeing the lighting going in in the near future. The last few months have been busy with the



Work continues to clear and rebuild graves



Reconstructed graves

work in, especially in wet weather, ultimately when the peripheral paths are fully re-instated and controlled vegetation is established. The area will be very attractive.



The new path and steps from the upper St Joseph's Road is now complete and we are hoping for a partial opening of the cemetery before the end of this year. This however is dependent on the building of a new gate on these steps, so that the cemetery can be secured at night. We have had a number of volunteer working parties from local companies give their time to the cemetery

and this has helped to move earth and continue with the battle against the weeds. Additionally GBC's recent 'Walking through History' series with its very well produced episode dedicated to Witham's Cemetery has produced further interested individuals to volunteer at Witham's. However we are still keen for more to join us. Please call 20042844 if you would like more information.



Original paths redefined



Grave reconstruction

Working with History

We joined forces with GBC Television to produce an 8-part series on the work the Trust does in terms of the protection of our built heritage environment. Co-produced by Colin Pons and Claire Montado the series aimed at giving viewers a flavour of the often

unseen work that can go on behind the scenes, often for years, in trying to save and preserve our heritage. The series has been very well received with many going out of their



Cover photo

way to approach the Trust to share their views. We are committed to raising awareness on heritage preservation across the board and are grateful to GBC and particularly Colin Pons for their support in doing so. The series can be watched on the Trust's YouTube Channel, accessible via our website.



Fortress of Fortresses

A further 7-part documentary series on GBC, saw fortifications expert Dr Darren Fa explore Gibraltar's fortifications with a host of guests. Chairman Ian Balestrino, Trustee Victor Hermida and CEO Claire Montado all participated in the series sharing their knowledge in conversation with Dr. Fa.



IB with Darren



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FINANCIAL summary

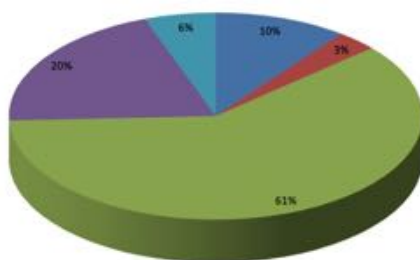
The Trust's total income in financial year 2017/18 amounted to £164,660, a major component being the grant from the Government of Gibraltar which goes towards staff and administrative costs.

Included in our overall income is sales, sponsorships for events and income from memberships and donations. Areas of the Trust's income and expenditure are analysed in the charts below. The Trust's expenditure in 2017/18 totalled £163,372 which resulted in a negligible net operating profit for the year of £1,288.

The audited accounts for the financial year end 2017 and year end 2018 have both been submitted for Audit, but due to administrative delays have not yet been presented to Gibraltar Parliament as required by the Heritage and Antiquities Act 2018.

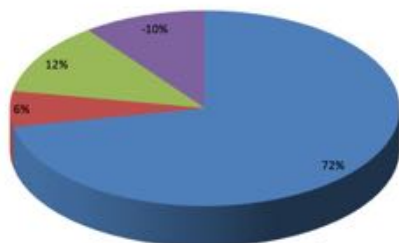
Analysis of Income 2017/18

■ Member Subscriptions ■ Donations ■ Grant from GoG ■ Sales ■ Miscellaneous



Expenditure of GoG Grant 2017/18

■ Salaries ■ Paye ■ Main Guard Admin ■ Shortfall



Income v. Expenditure 2017/18

■ Income ■ Expenditure



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