

# 2017-18 ANNUAL REPORT

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**Gibraltar Heritage Trust**

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**This report covers the period from the Gibraltar Heritage Trust's  
Annual General Meeting in November 2016 to 2018**



## CHAIRMAN'S foreword

In November 2016 I had the honour of being appointed Chairman by the Board of Trustees. During this period the Trust has been involved in many activities, a large number occurring behind the scenes, in our unrelenting task to protect and enhance our heritage. In the annual report that follows we have endeavoured to summarise the work your Trustees and staff have been involved in.

I would like to take the opportunity to highlight the tremendous dedication voluntarily demonstrated by my fellow Trustees during my chairmanship. Most especially I must thank Claire, Tasmin, and Germaine, the Team at The Main Guard, for the smooth day to day running of our organisation.

We would not survive without our small army of volunteers who help us whenever we need them. They unselfishly give up their spare time to lead our historic walks, organise craft classes for children, and many other tasks.

2017 saw a change of ministerial responsibilities and Dr. John Cortes was appointed Minister for Heritage. The Trust is grateful to the Minister for his enthusiasm and support in matters of heritage and I am sure that this will be favourable to the Trust in the future.

And finally I would like to express our gratitude to our Patron, His Excellency the Governor, for his support and patronage when needed.

Remember that the Trust needs you! Spread the word and encourage your friends and family to join us.

**Ian Balestrino**  
Chairman

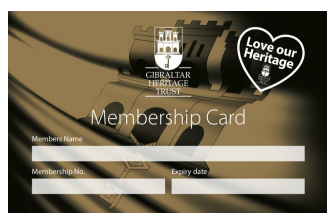


# YEAR IN review

**This report covers the Gibraltar Heritage Trust's membership period to July 2018.**

## Membership

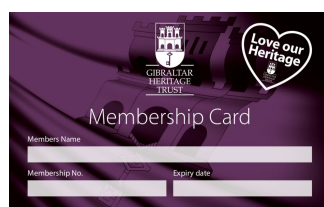
This year we have seen an increase in our membership in comparison with previous years with in excess of 600 memberships being taken out. Our new membership database has allowed us to drill into our membership figures like never before and identifies our membership base as standing at just over 1000 individual members. This is the highest membership the Trust has held within recent years and confirms what we see and hear when out and about – the sustainable preservation of Gibraltar's heritage is important to us as a community. We are seeing a slow and steady increase in Family Members and Junior/Student memberships which is also encouraging, as a main goal of the Trust is to engage the younger members of our community. We have plans to roll out targeted initiatives in the near future.



In 2017 we launched our Gold Membership cards for our Life Members. Life memberships are available for individuals all year round and this past year we welcomed 13 new life members to The Trust. This lifetime pledge of support is a significant vote of confidence for the Trust and our work.

We have seen a relatively small take up by members of our invitation to renew their membership via a Standing Order with their bank, some have taken the additional step of setting up a monthly donation to general Trust funds. Every donation, no matter how small, is of huge importance to the Trust as it really does make a difference.

Looking ahead to the 2018-19 membership year, we have new membership benefits to look forward to. We have built on existing partnerships with local businesses and Government departments to offer Trust members a wider range of activities as part of their membership. We are also pleased to announce that members will receive 10% off



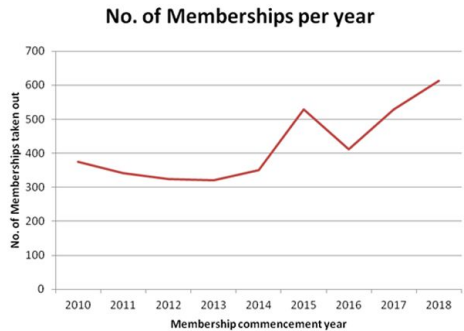




their bill at the Mons Calpe Restaurant at the Top of the Rock upon presentation of a valid membership card upon paying the bill. In addition to this as from the 1st September, members of the Trust can ride the Cable Car for free. Members will be able to access the WWII Tunnels attraction at Hay's Level at no charge. The WWII

Tunnels have recently installed new audio guides so this is a must do for members. And finally members receive 10% on all books in the Gibraltar Heritage Trust shop as well as the usual £1 member discount on the Gibraltar Heritage Journal and our heritage calendar. We are also expanding our programme of events by introducing trips to historical places of interest in Spain as well as visiting historical sites in Gibraltar which are new and different to those undertaken in previous years. If you like what we are doing regarding our membership benefits or have suggestions for improvements, get in touch and let us know.

Our website has had several updates this year. We have introduced PayPal at checkout when purchasing from our shop or joining or renewing your membership. We have also shifted some of the content around so that our Events Calendar is at the top of the page along with our dynamic scrolling 'banners' which will take you directly to the newest areas of our site or news items.



## The Main Guard

Our ground floor space is still available for private hire for events and continue to receive interest in the facility. We have also introduced a self-service coffee and biscuits bar which we set up on days that cruise ships are in port. Users are encouraged to make a small donation to cover the cost of the refreshments and are welcome to sit and either watch one of the videos running or plan their visit to Gibraltar in the knowledge



that a Tourist Information Officer is nearby to answer any queries they may have.

We welcome the support of our regular volunteers and individuals on the Community Care Scheme who are contributing in a variety of ways to the running of the Trust and the furtherance of our aims.



Our Heritage Craft Club for children aged 7-11 had also been running throughout the year, but despite strong interest, numbers have dwindled and the decision has been taken to cancel term time classes. We will continue to monitor demand and adapt as required.

A further donation of funds to the Trust by GML Ltd has allowed us to purchase a TV screen for the Boardroom. This has made a difference to the working practices in terms of reduction of paper generated for meetings and has facilitated more interactive presentations of schemes and projects. The donation also covered the purchase of a digital camera and more archival sleeves for the Trust's historical records. The balance of the donation has been put towards works in Witham's Cemetery which you can read more about in this report.



## Main Guard Shop

Our shop is ever expanding in terms of the products we offer to our members, the general public and visitors alike. Our aim is to dedicate ourselves to providing a wide selection of local history books and books of regional or topical interest. This year we have introduced new events such as World Book Day which included shop discounts and a book swap event.

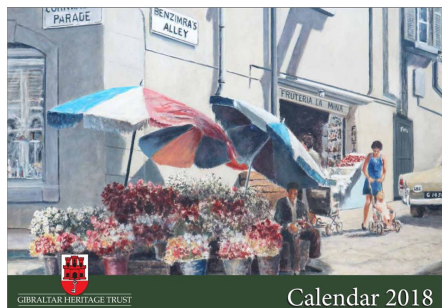
The shop has also introduced a second-hand book corner, for local historical books which are either popular or out of print.

We have expanded our offering of Osprey series titles and have also started to stock a selection of Shire Books which specialise in heritage topics. We have also hosted a couple of book launches within the last 12 months as well as a special interview and book signing session with Nick Rankin, author of 'Defending the Rock'. Our shop also aims to provide a platform for local artists to sell their quality Gibraltar souvenirs. We have many local artists selling their products through our shop and out to the wider audience of tourists visiting the rock.

## GHT Calendar

Following on from our 2017 edition, our 2018 calendar was another huge success and sold out completely. It featured paintings by local artist Rudecindo Mannia (1899-1982). Mannia was born in Gibraltar and spent most of his life on the Rock, apart from a period during WWII





Calendar 2018

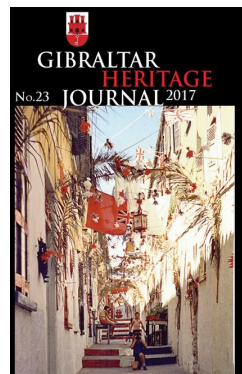
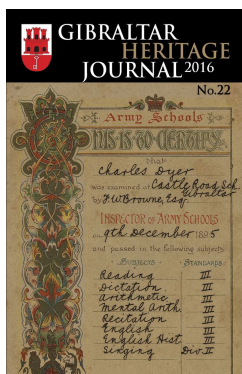
to various periods of history in a 'bitesize' way. The 2019 Calendar will be on the theme of the Great Siege, being the 240th anniversary of the start of the blockade.

## Gibraltar Heritage Journal

The Trust publishes an annual Journal which aims to accumulate the wealth of historical knowledge in Gibraltar and have it recorded in the appropriate, peer reviewed, academic manner.

Due to unforeseen circumstances we were behind in the publications, so 2017 saw the publication of two journals, No. 22 and No. 23. Articles are submitted from all areas or local research bringing together a variety of articles. The latest journal No.

23 hosts a special selection of photographs courtesy of the Gibraltar National Archives and an article on memories of the Referendum by Manolo Galliano.



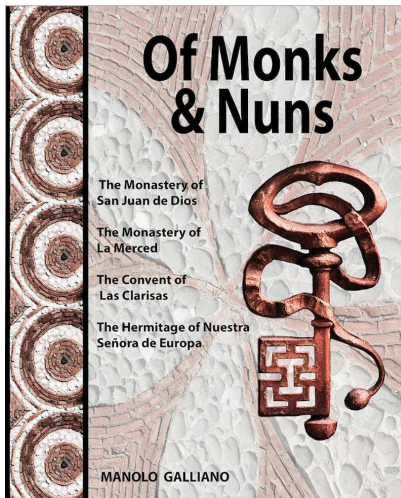
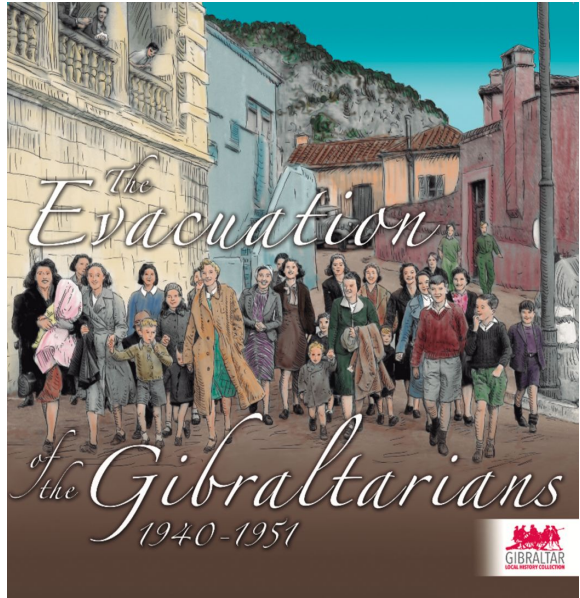
2017 was the 50th anniversary of The Gibraltar Referendum 1967 and thus the topical article captures the atmosphere and nerves of the voters waited to hear the result " ... we had our ears glued to the portable radio waiting for the latest voting figures and we became ecstatic at the close of the polling stations at 9.00 pm, when we learnt that it had been a tremendous turnout with a final figures of 12,237 and incredible 95.67%..."

Both Journals are available for sale in the Main Guard Shop as well as from our online shop on our website where it is also possible to buy single articles as digital PDFs. Looking to 2019, the Heritage Journal Editorial Board will be saying a farewell to its current editor Tito Benady. Tito was the founder of the Journal, starting it in 1993 and has seen it through the years building up the archive we have today. Richard Garcia will be stepping up as the new editor, who will start with our 25th Anniversary special edition next year.

## The Evacuation of the Gibraltarians

The second book in the Local History Series (the first being on the Great Siege) was published by the Trust with the support of the Department of Education earlier this year. The publication aims to help support teachers already tackling the subject of the Evacuation with their classes.

This school text book, authored by teacher Keith Sheriff, is divided into easily digestible sections and looks at all aspects of the Evacuation and its effects on the people; economically, socially, culturally and politically. The book is highly illustrated with contemporary photographs of events, locations and key figures proved by the Gibraltar National Archives. There is further support with an online website and learning resource ([www.gibraltarheritagetrust.org.gi/explore/schools](http://www.gibraltarheritagetrust.org.gi/explore/schools)) that can be made use of in the classroom and at home to further support the learning process. The book is not presently available for general sale.



## Of Monks & Nuns

Earlier this year saw the publication of the third book in Manolo Galliano's series on the history of Gibraltar's churches and religious institutions. The book sits along 'Under the Crescent and the Cross' which is a history of the Cathedral of St. Mary the Crowned, and 'From House to Prayer to Seat of Power' which is a history of the Franciscan Monastery at Gibraltar.

Manolo is well advanced in the preparation of the fourth and final book in the series which is on Gibraltar's lost churches and chapels. All books are available at the Trust shop with proceeds from sales going towards the Trust's restoration fund.



## E-newsletter

We have increased the frequency of our e-newsletters which are now issued on an average of every 2 weeks. As of 25th May, due to new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) members have to specifically opt in to receive our e-newsletters. Please ensure that you tick the box when you are renewing either online or via our forms which have been posted to you. Alternatively email our general address and asked to be added to the list.

## Trustees

Our campaign to reduce the number of Government appointed Trustees on the Board of the Trust has seen some success in that the new Heritage Act, currently in Bill form, sees the number drop from 6 to 5. Although the Trust's ultimate long term aim is to have no Government appointees, this is a start to reducing the number and ensuring that perceptions of the Board match the reality that there is no Governmental influence in the work of our Trustees. A full list of our current Trustees can be found on our website.

## Staff

This year The Trust has two new members of staff working in our retail department. This has allowed the shop to extend its opening hours and provide a higher quality service to our members and the public. The shop is now open every Saturday from 10am to 1pm and extended hours during the week from 10am to 4pm. The Trust has also introduced special discount events throughout the year such as Black Friday, World Book Day and late-night shopping during peak seasons and other local shopping initiatives.

We are also pleased to say that the shop has replaced plastic bags by introducing paper bags, and has also created a line of re-useable shopper bags made from sustainable organic cotton and jute which can be purchased in our shop and used for a lifetime!

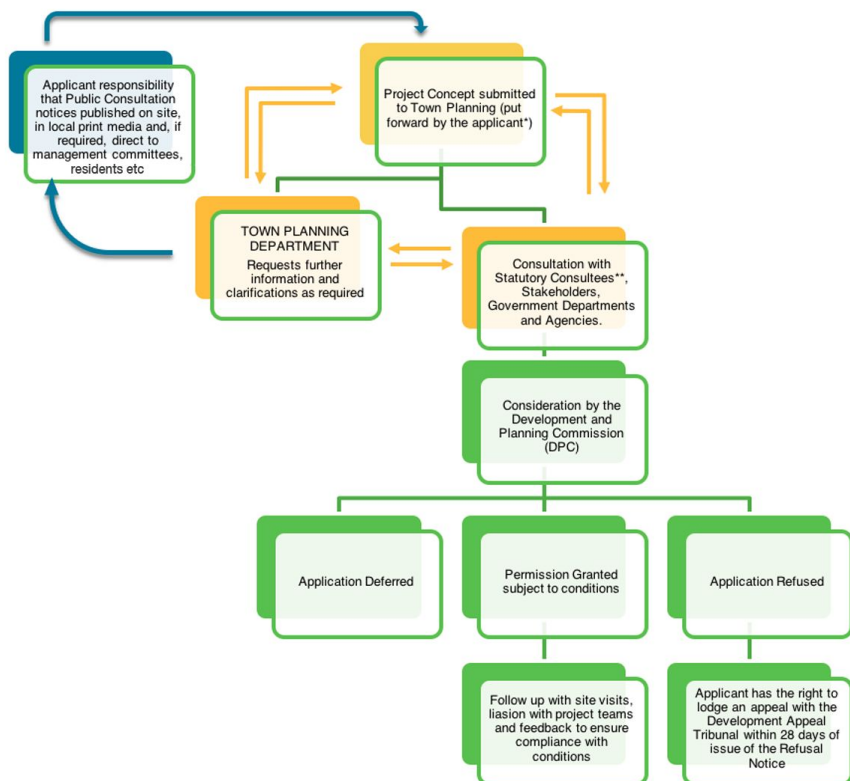


*Staff and Trustees at Gibraltar World Music Festival in Castle Street*

# OUR AREAS of work

## The Development and Planning Commission

Input into the planning system and supporting improvement of the open format of the now fully established Development and Planning Commission (DPC) continues. We note a significant increase in public interest in the planning process, specifically with regard to large developments. Unfortunately, there are still some perception issues with the DPC concerning the process vis-a-vis the general public who often perceive that it is the DPC itself coming up with the proposed developments it considers. In order to help dispel this and inform our members, we have produced the chart below which aims to show the planning process and the Trust's role in it.





## Who are the different entities involved?

\*APPLICANT: Projects are put forward by a variety of applicants who could be: private individuals, landlords, investors, companies, developers, Government departments, or by an agent on behalf of any of the above.

\*\*CONSULTEES & STAKEHOLDERS: In a growing number of applications many of the stakeholders are consulted in the early stages of the project and ahead of it being submitted to the DPC process. The process can be dynamic in that applicants can often respond to the project a number of times before it is ready to go ahead to be heard by the DPC. Consultees, Stakeholders, Departments and Agencies involved in the process are: Town Planners (Department of Town Planning and Building Control) Transport, Traffic and Technical Services Department, Building Control Officers (Department of Town Planning and Building Control), the Heritage Trust, Ministry for Heritage, The Environmental Agency, Land Property Services (LPS), The Ministry of Defence (MOD), the Environmental Safety Group (ESG), Gibraltar Ornithological & Natural History Society (GONHS), the Department of the Environment, the services and utilities providers (AquaGib, GibElec, etc) Fire Safety Department, World Heritage Site Office, community members and residents, the General public.

The list is quite exhaustive and can sometimes mean that conflicting advice or opinions are given. The Town Planning Department have the unenviable task of coordinating all the feedback, ensuring the legal requirements are fulfilled and policies are upheld as well as advising on the best way forward upon summary compilation of all the issues.

Our working relationship with the Town Planning Department continues to be very good. The E-Planning portal also continues to improve and allows the relatively seamless exchange of information and consultation feedback. The volume of work in terms of development in Gibraltar can be summarised by just looking at the statistics for applications processed during the course of the last year: 562 at sub-committee level and 293 at full DPC, of which 20 were considered to be major projects.

Taking into account that many of these are far from routine applications requiring site visits, historical research and follow up meetings one starts to get an appreciation for the task the GHT is faced with.

At subcommittee level we are feeding in on applications such as shop frontages, signage, internal alterations, lift installations, swimming pools, minor extensions and façade alterations. In all cases we uphold the principles in the Old Town Guide within the Gibraltar Development Plan. Although these applications in themselves may seem minor, they contribute to maintaining the feel and character of Gibraltar. Details do matter.

# LIASION WITH government



As highlighted in previous years, Government projects are still not subject to the full planning process, a 6 year old manifesto commitment that the current Government is yet to deliver on – although the new Town Planning Act which binds Government to the planning process was published in February 2018 and is awaiting tabling at Parliament (Post edit note: The Town Planning Act was passed by Parliament on 24th July and is pending a

commencement date). Projects continue to come to the DPC for a view and guidance but there have been instances where established protocol for consultation and respect for the process has not been adhered to. One such instance occurred in early 2017 with the painting of the courtyard facing façade of the southern wing of the Ince's Hall. Following on from our praise of the restoration of the northern wing into the Gibraltar International Bank we were severely disappointed to see the commissioning and installation of a piece of street art on the side of this important heritage building. But more than the installation itself we were dismayed at the way the installation went ahead, without even going to DPC for comment as is the established procedure for a Government project. The Trust made its views very clear and reiterated that the objection was not to the principle of Street Art, but rather the appropriateness of its location.

At the time, there was no firm project to repair the remaining 3 facades of the building as well as a portion of the northern façade which the artwork did not cover. Apart from our public statements on the process, we continued to make representations to the Ministry for Culture on the plans for the rest of the building and are pleased that 12 months on the building has had an extensive external repair and paint job which included the stitching of a significant crack in the western end of the south wall. Liaison with the Ministry for Culture, Cultural Services and the contractor also meant that a historical set of electricity isolators from the old public street lighting were retained on the façade. We hope to install a small interpretation plaque in the near future. There have been a number of notable planning applications with heritage sensitivities at various stages in the planning or



construction process over the last year or so. One which took quite a high profile locally was that of the MOD Gatehouse at the entrance to the Dockyard. The MOD had decided that the building was surplus to requirements and therefore were intent on demolishing it. The Trust intervened in trying to find solutions for the use of the building but ultimately the Ministry for Heritage negotiated the translocation of the building to a plot adjacent to the



original site and just outside the MOD boundary fence. The Trust is pleased that, despite critics predicting that the project would not work and it would never be rebuilt, the building has been successfully moved, rebuilt and many of its original features restored. It is yet to be inaugurated, but we hope that, though small in size, it is a symbol of the new commitment to the preservation of our heritage and our ability to undertake such tasks. The days of buildings being demolished as an easy solution to a problem are hopefully behind us.

## Tenders and Expressions of Interest

The Trust has been struggling with the procedures for the Government Tender and Expression of Interest process for many years with respect to the stage at which we get consulted on the proposals for a site.

There have been a number of undertakings given to the GHT in terms of early consultation which have been hit and miss in the past, but we are encouraged to report that issues are being ironed out and have now settled down into a format that is bearing fruit in terms of heritage protection.

The Trust has always maintained that to be effective we need to have the opportunity to feed into the system at the earliest stage of a project so as to flag up sensitivities or highlight opportunities which can be incorporated into the design process. The approach in the past has lacked consistency with the Trust being brought in after a tender had been awarded and in some cases making it impossible to alter the concept of a project without impacting on its



*City Wall post removal of redundant pipea and metalwork*

viability. It is understood that proposals can be highly commercially sensitive, so the utmost discretion is exercised by the Trust. The GHT was not consulted in the early stages of the Expressions of Interest for the Central Police Station, or St Bernard's School, but subsequently we have been represented on the panels for the Toc H site, the Northern Defences, the Orange Bastion site, and were consulted ahead of the KGV site being advertised. In all



*Orange Bastion at the end of Main Street. Currently with approved plans for conversion into a microbrewery and food court.*



cases we have since built a relationship with the developers to work towards a scheme which achieves as much protection of the heritage fabric as possible. Each site needs to be analysed on its own merits as there is no one solution to issues, but generally the spirit of mutual benefit is very evident. Additionally, we have made the case to the Government regarding the Tender panels often awarding tenders to projects that do not comply with the Gibraltar Development Plan nor DPC policies which has caused issues later on down the line in the planning process. We know that this feedback has largely been taken on board and we also now routinely receive requests for feedback on properties ahead of being put out to tender, with our comments being incorporated into the tender documentation so that prospective tenders know what is expected.

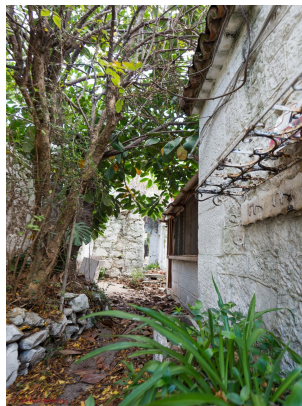


*TOC H site ahead within South Bastion*

An early example was Carter House on Naval Hospital Road where tenders included the condition that that original fireplaces needed to remain in situ, timber shutters and windows would need to remain as per Planning Policy and that the enclosure of the arches would not be permitted. More recently we have been consulted

on properties in Scud Hill and also in the old town. Our input always involves a site visit to the property in question to identify potential items that need to be specifically highlighted. In all cases to date our recommendations have been transposed into the tender packs.

The two-way feedback process has also been implemented in GoG projects that are in heritage sensitive buildings, for example the refurbished MT Garage at Dockyard Road where our input has resulted in the retention of historic cranes- part of our industrial heritage- as well as the removal of redundant oil and water pipes and rusting brackets and barbed wires on the city walls.



## Sports Facilities



Another major Government led development project announced is that of the sports complexes at Europa Point and Lathbury Barracks, following on from the Gibraltar Football Association taking on the Victoria Stadium site. The timescales for the delivery of these

project have been made all the more acute



*Type 23 Pillbox retained at Europa Point*

by the announcement that Gibraltar will host the 2019 Island Games. There has been a high level of consultation and liaison between heritage bodies with regard to the two sites and in terms of design of the facilities at Europa Point. This ensures that visual impacts are kept to a minimum whilst at the same time working to ensure the details of items such as support columns do not interfere with existing batteries and gun emplacements but rather integrate them into the scheme. The Ministry for



*Stone racers and pivots will remain in situ*





*Members of the GHT and FoGG inspecting the defences at Lathbury Parade ground prior to their demolition.*

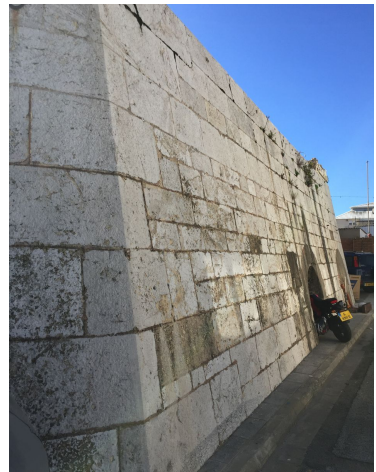
Heritage, through the Gibraltar Museum, have a permanent Archaeological Watching Brief at both sites which is crucial as the 'design as you build' approach to the project means that designs can change at short notice, in response to ground conditions. At Lathbury Barracks an intensive Archaeological Watching Brief has been in operation for the last 6 months where the Gibraltar Museum has been recovering artefacts and recording defensive features as they appear. This site is being preserved by record as the whole area is being lowered to accommodate the underground car park for the site. This is the first time, since the Main Street beautification in 1996, that there has been such an involvement of archaeological input in Government developments.

This involvement continues into the private sphere also with archaeological briefs now as standard on any development within the old town or sensitive areas and the principle established that this investigation is developer-funded. The cost of the work or study required is often minuscule in relation to the overall budget for a site development, yet the information gathered is immensely important to the historical record for Gibraltar.

## Schools Redevelopment Projects


Another major development project announced by Government is that of the new schools. There has been input on all sites in terms of heritage with regards to required watching briefs which have been minimal at both sites. Of note though are the works at Waterport Road and in the vicinity of the Old Mole Head. The Trust has met with architects for the new schools regarding our concerns over the 'swallowing up' of the Old Mole Head. Initially designs for the school abutted the fortification and brought its exterior walls into class rooms. We felt that this was not the correct treatment for such a monument which would be made harder to interpret.

Negotiations with the architect, as representatives for the Government as client, resulted in the wall being pulled away from the front of the bastion. Although we are not content with the fact that the new building will overfly the monument, we are working to ensure that there is no structural load on it and that visual interruption is kept to a minimum. To a certain extent the Mole will benefit from having modern accretions removed from it, making it more visually appreciable



*Westfacing front of the Old Mole Head*

than at present, as well as a restoration of its two vaults which will be interpreted and given a use yet to be agreed. As a Trust we continue to be at odds with the principle that the Mole Head will be overflowed by the new podium level, but it is clear that we have no powers to stop the project which is generally applauded as a much needed investment in the education system and the future of our children. We are aiming to mitigate for impacts to historic fabric and improve interpretation and understanding of the monument so that it will still exist for more enlightened generations to give it the prominence it deserves. All works in the vicinity of the Mole Head are being monitored by the Government Archaeologist who has produced a briefing document for the contractor. Method Statements for Phase 1 of the project (which is the removal of accretions) have been produced and checked by the Ministry and the Trust and a Heritage License has been issued for phase 1 of the project.

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**METHOD STATEMENT**

Task:  
Old Mole Head Partial Demolition

## Northern Defences



Work to clear decades of rubble, rubbish and fly-tipping debris continues at the Northern Defences. 4 years into the project a circular route has been established with the clearing of the King's and Queen's Lines and the reopening of blocked up access routes. The Trust has been supporting the project by providing free guided tours to GHT members and the general public. We have seen over 1500 individuals through the site on our tours which have been delivered by our volunteer guides. Although not officially open, the Prince's

Line section of the site is accessible via the Castle Communication tunnel at Moorish Castle Estate. Clearance works will continue over the coming year whilst plans continue to be put in place for the longer terms management of this unique historical asset.



## Other areas

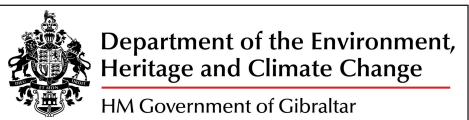
There have been many other applications, the details of many of these have been covered in our e-newsletters or press releases but by way of summary they include: Wellington Front; the Short Stay accommodation at Europa Point; GBC premises on South Jumpers Bastion. In addition, although not yet up for Planning Permission, we have also expressed our concerns and thoughts in on the proposed GoG affordable accommodation Schemes at Eastern Beach, Queensway and Waterport Road. We are also represented on the Government's Litter Committee (quarterly meetings), Urban Renewal Committee (no recent meetings), Cemeteries Visitor Board (no recent meetings), Street Art Committee (active), and The World Heritage Committee (active).



And finally, also of note was the Government's announcement in July last year of its intention to build a multi-storey car park on Grand Parade. The Trust reacted to the scheme, being of the view that aside from the historical significance of the Parade Ground itself, the area was an important open space and buffer for the Alameda Gardens and that therefore any development should be completely below ground. In November, together with the Gibraltar Ornithological and Natural History Society and the Environmental Safety Group we had a very frank and open meeting with the Chief Minister and his technical staff where we exchanged views and made the case for the retention of this open space. In Parliament in May 2018 it was announced that the Government were reassessing their plans with the aim of going below ground. We will continue to monitor the situation trust that the right decision will be made in the name of the future generations.

## Ministry for Heritage

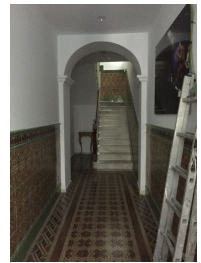
Underlining all of the above have been a consolidation of the Ministry for Heritage which was essentially fully established in 2015 with the appointment of a Government Archaeologist. Previous to this time Heritage Ministry duties were generally contracted to a private company and were coordinated by the Ministry staff as part of a general array of Government duties. The Ministry for Heritage now has a dedicated principal secretary and administrative personnel as well as the Government Archaeologist, Dominic Lopez, replacing Dr. Kevin Lane. Liaison between the Ministry and the Trust continues to be focused and mutually supportive as we forward the aims for tighter heritage protection structures in Gibraltar. The system is being built and will be established further when the new Heritage Act comes before Parliament later on this year.





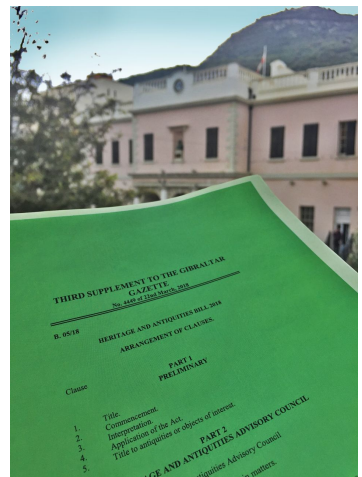
## Liaison with the private sector

As well as working with Government departments and inputting on developments, our role on the DPC also requires input on private developments. Recent and active applications include: proposed developments at Catalan Bay Village; Buena Vista Stone Block; 2 Hospital Ramp (Tender); Police Barracks (The Arches); Aquagib new pipe infrastructure proposals; 117 Main Street; Bassadone Automotive Group relocation; St Bernard's School (Tender); Toc H (Expression of Interest); Central Police Station (Expression of Interest); Engineer Lane ARP Shelter (Expression of interest); Ex-Wireless Station, on Devil's Tower Road- Gibraltar Vaults); Arengo's Palace; Orange Bastion (Tender); various developments on Devil's Tower Road; Continental Hotel; 47 Line Wall Road (Amar's Bakery); Waterport Wharf proposals. As with Government projects we work to continue fruitful relationships with applicants and their agents to ensure the best possible and balanced decisions are taken across the board.



## Progress on the Heritage Act

In March this year the Trust welcomed the publication of the Bill for the new Heritage Act. This followed on from the publication of the Command Paper in 2015. The Heritage Act has been redrafted various times in the 18 years that it has been on the agenda. During this time the Trust has been fully engaged in trying to bring the Act to reality and address the various pitfalls and sticking points encountered. We are currently clarifying a couple of key points with the Minister, but the Bill is ready to be debated by Parliament in the next few months. (Post Edit Note: The Act was unanimously passed by Parliament on the 24th July 2018 and came into force on the 16th of August 2018).



# LIASION WITH ministry of defence



*Removal of buildings at Spyglass Battery expose the gun pit*

There have been some changes within the Ministry of Defence lately which have led to a reduction in the frequency of the MOD Conservation Committee which discusses matters of mutual interest and addresses issues to ensure the maintenance of the heritage value and conservation of assets within the Ministry of Defence estate.

This said, the Trust has been instrumental in providing support to the MOD in the restitution of Spyglass Battery at the top of the Rock. As part of their policy to ensure assets in their custody are maintained in good order, a number of redundant buildings within the site have been demolished and non historical accretions to the battery also removed.

The project went through the Town Planning process with the Trust providing a watching brief, with reference to the Ministry for Heritage, to ensure that nothing of heritage value was destroyed. It is hoped that the site will at some point allow visitors. The Conservation Group meetings have now picked up again after a short hiatus – it is an important forum for heritage and natural history stakeholders.

# LIASION WITH university of gibraltar



*Trustees Manolo Galliano and Victor Hermida present a history of the Franciscan Monastery at Gibraltar*

Following the departure of the University Librarian, the Library Forum and Gibraltar Repository project has seen a period of hiatus. With a new Librarian recently recruited we hope to see this initiative gaining momentum once again.

The University has introduced a very popular History Lecture Series which has seen a number of our Trustees present talks on the subject of their research areas such as the Northern Defences and the history of religious orders in Gibraltar.





# ANNUAL events

## Painting Competition

Our Painting Competitions have been running for over 25 years and are an established event in the cultural calendar. The purpose of the competition is to raise awareness of our heritage by encouraging participants to take a detailed look at a building/ site through the process of its reproduction through art. The competition is open to all artists of any age and ability. Artists have set hours to complete their artwork within a day, ensuring all artwork is done on site and on the day. This is with the exception of Schools where children are invited to take part within additional talk on the history of the site.



## 28th Annual Painting Competition, 2017

Our 28th Competition was held at Wellington Front. The location has been a significant strategic defensive point even from the days of Moorish occupation. Wellington Front as we know today was built in 1840, originally by convict labour. Over 200 male convicts were assigned with its construction and lived on a prison hulk, Owen Glendower, in the bay. The project was completed with the use of local labour when it became more economically viable. The vaults were

built to accommodate soldiers and house large cannons and armoury. As the bastion had recently undergone a major refurbishment, the Trust wished to celebrate its new lease of life through the invitation of artists to illustrate the site through artistic media.

## The Winners were:

### Children's Section

1st Prize: Dylan Reese  
2nd Prize: Piero Guzman  
3rd Prize: Sarah Willis

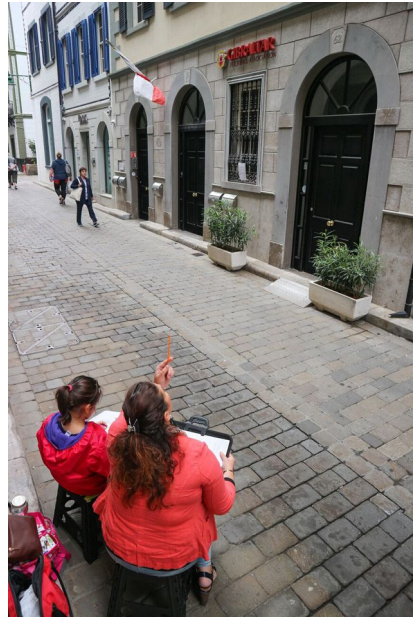
### Junior Section

1st Prize: Matthew Bosano  
2nd Prize: Chloe McToldridge  
3rd Prize: Sinead Desoiza

### Senior Section –

1st Prize – Leslie Gaduzo  
2nd Prize – Vin Mifsud  
3rd Prize – Rebecca Moritz

The David Gladstone Prize for the most promising artist: Liz Savignon



## 29th Annual Painting Competition, 2018

In May we held our 29th competition which was on the theme of Irish Town. Originally known as Calle Santa Ana in the Spanish period its name was changed in the 18th Century when it was reportedly a red light district.

It later became the hub for coal merchants and suppliers due to its proximity to the sea wall and the market. Irish Town is known today as Gibraltar's secondary shopping street, dotted with many cafeterias, pubs and eating places and still retains much of its character.

The day was supported by local business Sacarello's Coffee Shop who offered discounts for artists and Gallo Nero who donated meal vouchers for the winners.



### Children's Section

1st Prize - Sophia Povedano

2nd Prize - Vera Estella

3rd Prize - Sophia Povedano

Highly commended - Kate Piner and Matthieu Busto



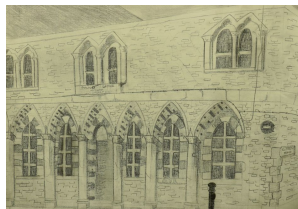
### Junior Section

1st Prize - Sinead Desoiza

2nd Prize - Matthew Bossano

3rd Prize - Shelli Abudarham

Highly commended - Lauren Guy



### Senior Section

1st Prize - Wanda Bush

2nd Prize - Vin Mifsud

3rd Prize - Lorraine Buhagiar

Highly Commended - Lorraine Povedano & Geraldine Martinez

The David Gladstone Prize for the most promising artist: Sinead Desoiza





## Heritage Awards & Dinner

The Heritage Awards have been presented annually by the Gibraltar Heritage Trust since 1993. The awards are made for outstanding sensitivity or contribution to Gibraltar's heritage. They may be made to an individual (including juniors under the age of 16), group, team, club, firm or company for a positive contribution, of any kind, that has enhanced Gibraltar's heritage, or for exceptional, successful efforts in preserving a part of Gibraltar's heritage. The object of the awards is to recognise heritage conservation projects and developments and encourage the involvement of the community in achieving high standards of restoration of buildings, structures and monuments in Gibraltar, thus promoting public recognition and awareness of Gibraltar's heritage and history.



*Group photo of all prize winners with the Hon J. Cortes, Minister for Heritage and Ian Ballestrino, Trust Chairman.*

### **There are four categories of Award:**

- Junior Heritage Award: Awarded to projects carried out by a school, youth group or individual under the age of 16.
- Group Heritage Award: Awarded to companies, groups or developers.
- Individual Heritage Award: Awarded to projects undertaken by private individuals
- Special Commendation: Awarded at the discretion of the Board of the Heritage Trust to individuals, groups or companies felt to have contributed to the positive promotion of heritage issues.

In 2017 The Trust received an overwhelming response with nominations for Heritage Awards. After a tough deliberation process five heritage awards were presented comprising of three group awards and one Junior and Group award. This was the first junior award presented in some years and therefore very exciting as younger people were involved in the preservation of our local heritage.

The Junior Heritage Award was awarded to The Gibraltar Youth Service for the painting of Devil's Gap Steps. Young people volunteered their time over an eight day period to paint the steps which commemorates the 1967 Referendum. The Youth group were given information on the history of the Referendum and what it meant to the community in order fully engage them in the project.



The Individual Heritage Award was awarded to "The Kasbar" in Castle Street for the sensitive restoration of an old bar (previously a water cistern). The restoration included exposing the original roof and the modernising of infrastructure. It now functions as a popular cafe/bar.

The first Group Heritage Award was awarded to HM Government of Gibraltar, together with GCA Architects, Koala Bovis and other associated contractors for the enhancement and reuse of Gibraltar's military heritage through the sensitive development of Wellington Front. This section of our city walls had been a major clearing and uplift and regeneration into a focal point for clubs and societies that play a part in our community life.

The second Group Heritage Award was awarded to HM Government of Gibraltar, together with ARC Architects, JLC Consulting and Koala Bovis and associated contractor clearance, restoration and reuse of Gibraltar's Military & Natural Heritage, for the project known as the 'Upper Rock Paths' which encompassed the refurbishment and re-opening of Royal Anglian Way through to Genoese Battery.



The third Group Heritage Award in 2017 was awarded to The Royal Gibraltar Post Office for their collection, restoration and strategic placing of historic pillar boxes in the town centre. An accompanying leaflet has also been produced. The project was a culmination of many years of collecting and refurbishing our historic pillar boxes with much thought being given to the standard set for the placing of boxes in the ground for easy maintenance.

# Members Visits & Events

The Trust is continuously keen to engage our members and community through regular events, including presentations, talks and tours. We aim to have a minimum of one event each month with the exception of the summer period. The events are aimed to provide something for everyone from harder hikes up the Rock to debate nights hosted in The Main Guard.



*Outing to Jimena*

of the Northern Defences; tour of the Port; tours of places of worship with historical interest; tour of WWII Position Finding Cells; tour of the Alameda Gardens; tours of the Franciscan Frescoes; tour of Jew's Gate Cemetery; talks on heritage developments and projects; a wine tasting event; and of course our annual quiz night!



*Quiz winners, 2018*

The 2017/2018 programme of events for members was extensive this membership year with regular events happening each month. Our team delivered a total of 36 events – that's an average of 3 a month! The programme saw events such as: Film nights in conjunction with the Gibraltar National Archives; a night at The Archives; children's & adult crafts; tours





## Fortress of Gibraltar Group

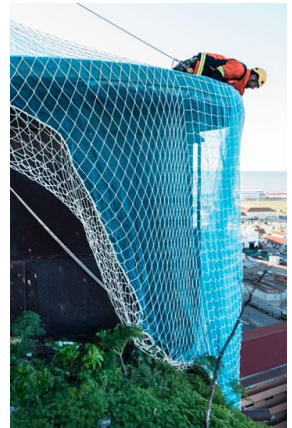


The Fortress of Gibraltar Group (FOGG) continues to be active within The Trust. This is a small group of local Trust members with an interest in the history of Gibraltar's defences. Their particular focus at present is in WWII structures. This past year the group has hosted a variety of events for members. The most recent tour invited members along trails in the Upper Rock to discover Position Finding cells.



These small concrete structures are dotted about the Nature Reserve and lay largely abandoned, but were once used in military action to identify the location of the enemy and relay information ahead of a strike. The tour took members through the two main groups of these cells, the 'Angels & Devils' and old search light positions hidden amongst the undergrowth, finishing off with a visit inside Spur Battery. The tour provided real insight to the co-ordination of military action in WWII in Gibraltar.

The group have also been instrumental in providing historical data and surveys of fortifications and sites earmarked for clearance or visitor interpretation. The body of information gathered is invaluable to the Trust in making stronger arguments for the preservation of places that are threatened by development. Their mammoth task of recording Gibraltar's WWII positions continues with the aim of publishing their research and a catalogue of



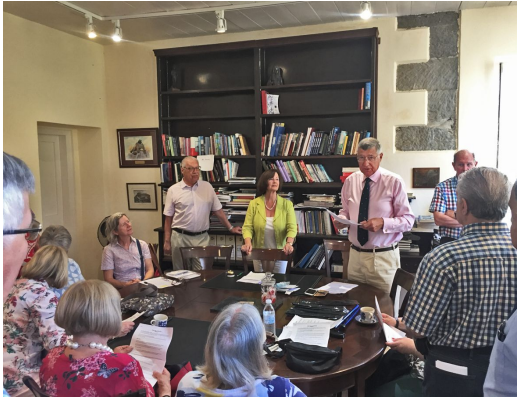
## Friends of Gibraltar

The Friends of Gibraltar Society have an annual visit to Gibraltar each year packed with events, both social and educational. 2017 saw the group go further afield with a guided day trip to Seville with Tito Vallejo. As part of a new initiative to promote Gibraltar history in schools, the Friends have started a competition whereby students at Westside and Bayside Comprehensive schools are



awarded for outstanding student work in the subject area of the history and heritage of Gibraltar. The competition was open to Year 8 pupils at both schools.

The Friends have also set up an award with the University of Gibraltar where students researching areas related to Gibraltar heritage and history are given a bursary towards their studies. The 2018 visit saw a variety of local events and visits which included a reminiscence event at the King's Chapel where the history of the Bedenham Explosion was relayed as



well as the story of the refitting of the Uganda. In both cases stories were told by those who lived the events or had relations involved. The Trust has a longstanding mutually supportive relationship with the Friends which has seen a number of events and initiatives over the years. Earlier this year it was agreed to take this relationship to the next level in terms of recognising and formalising the roles we play and a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between our two organisations.

This stands us in good stead for future collaborations. Our CEO, Claire Montado, attended the Friends Annual Seminar in Oxford where a summary of the Trust's work was given to the great interest of those attending.

In 2016 the Friends funded the restoration of the Franciscan Frescoes in the Convent. This was a substantial undertaking on a set of important wall paintings, unique not only to Gibraltar and the Iberian Peninsula, but also the world. For the 2018-2020 period, the Friends have also kindly agreed to donate £10,000 over a two year period towards the restoration project at Witham's Cemetery. This is once again a serious investment in the preservation of our heritage and shows the value ascribed to our historic places.



# UP COMING projects

## Witham's Cemetery Project

We are now well into our second year of works within the cemetery. Our dedicated group of volunteers meet on site every Monday morning between 9:30am and 12:30pm to carry out works on clearance of weeds, research into graves, and restoration of tombs.

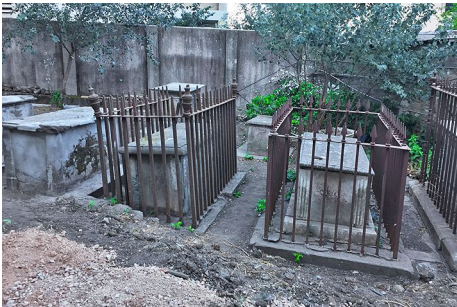
Reafina, the developer of the adjacent Plata Villa site has now started on the laying of a path through the cemetery and the creation of a new entrance/exit at the southern end. Information on those buried in the cemetery is also constantly growing with new snippets and references being found. Earlier in the year, Trustee Charlie Lugaro gave a very interesting presentation on what we know so far. We aim to raise the profile of this project after the summer and appeal for further funds to aid the restoration and to support the work of the volunteers. If you are interested in getting involved, get in contact with the main office.

Once again we would like to thank the growing list of those contributing to the project: Reafina, Eden, Ministry for Heritage and Environment and most recently GML Ltd for its generous donation towards the project. If you wish to make a donation towards the project you can do so via the Trust's website, by cheque or by popping into the Main Guard.



*Overgrown and derelict Witham's Cemetery in 2016*





# FINANCIAL summary

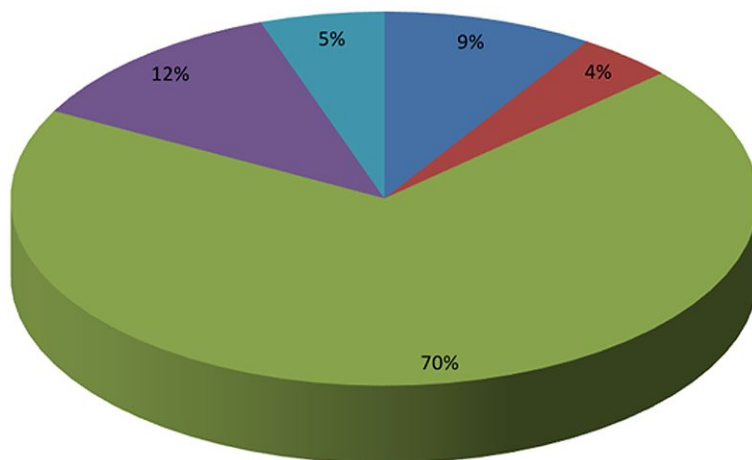
The Trust's total income in financial year 2016/17 amounted to £158,599, a major component being the grant from the Government of Gibraltar which goes towards staff and administrative costs. Included in this are income from sales, sponsorships for events and income from memberships and donations.

Areas of the Trust's income and expenditure are analysed in the charts below. The Trust's expenditure in 2016/17 totaled £131,673 which resulted in a net operating profit for the year of £26,926.

The detailed accounts for the period have been audited and certified by the Principal Auditor and been submitted to the Minister for Heritage for presentation to Parliament as required by the Gibraltar Heritage Trust Act 1989.

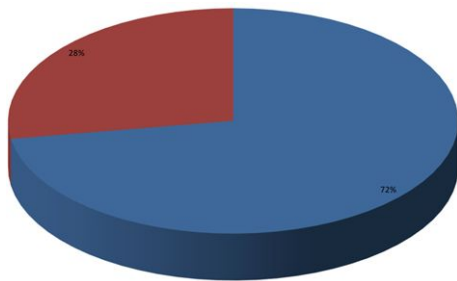
## Analysis of Income 2016/17

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



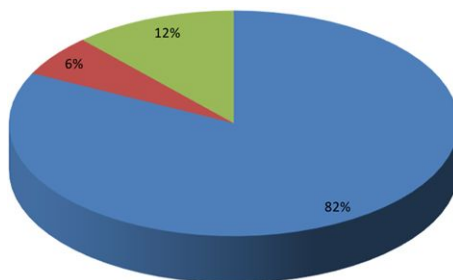
## Analysis of Expenditure 2016/17

■ Project & Services    ■ Operating Costs (excluding staff)



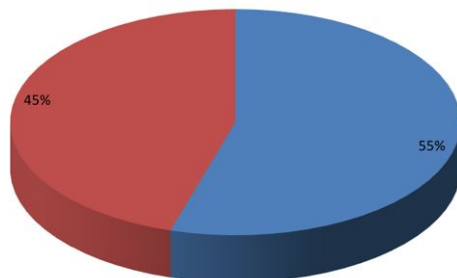
## Expenditure of GoG Grant 2016/17

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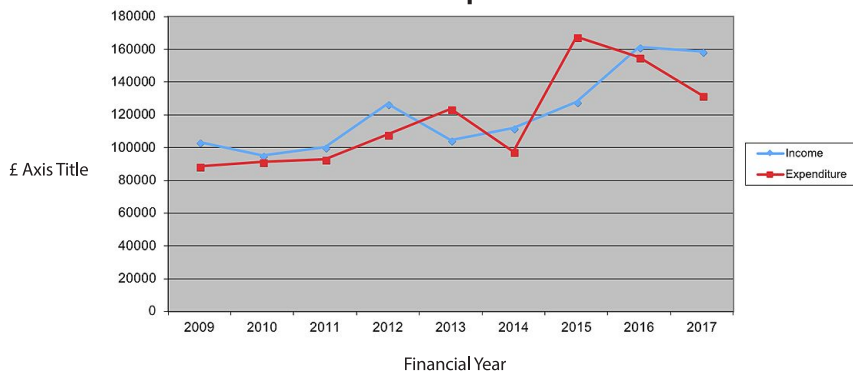


## Income v. Expenditure 2016/17

■ Income    ■ Expenditure



## Income v. Expenditure







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# The GHT in numbers

**627 MEMBERSHIPS**

**36**

**EVENTS AND  
OUTINGS**

**1078 MEMBERS**

**12 BOARD MEMBERS**

**INPUT ON 850+ DPC  
APPLICATIONS**

**9 MINOR REFURBISHMENT  
AND IMPROVEMENT  
PROJECTS**

**5 MEMBERS OF STAFF**

**2 EDITIONS OF THE  
GIBRALTAR  
HERITAGE  
JOURNAL**

**30+ ACTIVE  
VOLUNTEERS**

**4  
HERITAGE  
AWARDS**

**4 GHT BOOKS PUBLISHED**

**3800+ VOLUNTARY  
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