

Welcome to the 3rd quarterly report for 2017/18 for Salford Community Leisure's Heritage team.

Key highlights this quarter include:

- Work has started on cataloguing the Pilkington's factory archive thanks to funding from Booth Charities
- Work to change Lark Hill Place to a 1918 street for one year has started
- The new exhibition 'Four Miles from Manchester: Tony Warren's Coronation Street' was officially opened by William Roache who plays Ken Barlow, the only remaining cast member from the first episode. Over 100 people joined us including other cast members, crew members from ITV, Tony Warren's friends and artist David Coulter. There were speeches by Kieran Roberts, Executive Producer, Paul Dennett, Salford City Mayor and Dave Tucker, Tony Warren's greatest friend and co-curator of the exhibition. The exhibition also featured in lots of publicity including a slot on the TV on Granada Reports
- Local artist David Coulter's exhibition opened in November. Coulter produced specially commissioned artwork to set the scene of Salford in the 1950s as part of the Tony Warren exhibition
- 'One Drawing at a Time: Salford and Manchester' opened in the Langworthy Gallery. The exhibition shows work produced by the Manchester Urban Sketchers

British Museum Knowledge Exchange Programme

Salford Museum and Art Gallery have taken part in a fantastic exchange programme with the British Museum. The exchange involved a member of staff (Gemma) from Salford Museum and Art Gallery spending a week at the British Museum and a colleague from the British Museum reciprocating.

Gemma spent a week with the learning and access team which included observing schools workshops and Special Educational Needs sessions, as well as a fascinating body image session with a group of secondary school aged girls. She also had the opportunity to meet with members of the team and to see just how the large scale learning operation worked. Despite the differences in scale, they team face many of the same issues as the team in Salford!

In turn the Museum hosted Dr. Bill Greenwood who is a curator in the Islamic World Gallery. He was interested in our ceramic collections and spent the week looking at how things were done in a smaller museum, and one with a more local and regularly visiting audience than at the British Museum. He also had a full programme which included time in the collections and archive, visits to other sites, and taking part in some of the events happening that week including the Fire Garden at Peel Park.

A brilliant experience for all that took part and some great relationships have been built between the two teams.

Ordsall Hall Gardens

The gardens team have had a productive autumn. 2 members of the team continued mentoring students as part of the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Green Plan It project. At the awards ceremony in December the students mentored were crowned winners for the Greater Manchester region!

The team have been planning new workshops on topics such as fruit tree grafting and have secured Charles Dowding, the pioneer of No Dig, for his Northern tour to give a talk in February.

Winter pruning is well underway in addition to annual tree inspections. The team have been busy redesigning the herb garden to remove old unhealthy plants and inject more variety and historical/heritage interest. The team also took a trip down to the Garden Organic



Heritage Seed Library for Assistant Gardeners to meet staff there and observe the seed conservation and storage processes. In this quarter 2 new volunteers have expressed an interest in being involved in working in the gardens.

7 new sponsors of wildlife with bats have been received! A range of wildlife, heritage objects, plants and gardens areas are available to sponsor with all proceeds going towards the upkeep of the gardens.

Feedback:

"The Tony Warren exhibition is long overdue. In my view there should be a permanent exhibition devoted to this iconic soap which led the way for so many others and is still one of the strongest soap operas ever."

Lark Hill Place:

"A very well recreated place. Well done! Congratulations to the people that keep a treasure like these, well done" A surprise in Salford."

"We really enjoyed our visit with your caring help. We really appreciated it."

Forthcoming events and activities:

- Launch of the new events programme runs which is full of activities, exhibitions and events at both sites.
- The Head Gardener and Trainer is preparing students for RHS exams in Feb 2018 and for the next class which is fully subscribed with a waiting list.

For more information please see:

<http://www.salfordcommunityleisure.co.uk/Culture>