

Annual Report 2017-18

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Dear Hampshire Archives Trust member

You will see that the Annual Report for 2017-18 takes a different format to that used in the past. There are a number of reasons for this, but the main one is that the Charity Commission expects the annual report to contain specific information and provides a template to guide the required content. By using this template it is quite clear to us and the Charity Commission that we have provided all relevant information.

The Annual Report covers a period of time when your Board of Trustees have been working hard to bring the Trust to self-reliance. The Trust's move towards self-reliance was discussed both at last year's Annual General Meeting and at the Special General Meeting in April. Hampshire County Council has been tremendously supportive over the years providing grant aid and help in kind (that is officers' time and administrative help), with the demands on local government funding this is no longer possible. This change has focussed the Trust to look at how it can better fulfil its objectives. It is not change for changes sake but a necessity to continue to be relevant and effective in an ever changing climate. To this end a number of exciting changes have been made and will continue to unfold over the next few years, some of these changes will be shared at the business meeting.

I was elected as your Chairman at the Annual General Meeting last year and have had the pleasure of meeting with many of you at the Special General Meeting and at various events over the year. I have been impressed by your enthusiasm and commitment to the work of the Trust and look forward to working with you in the years to come. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our volunteers who do so much, often unsung, work behind the scenes.

Yours sincerely,

David Livermore.

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