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We're Up and Running

Under its new management the Museum enjoyed a very successful first opening day on 5 May. Doors officially opened at 10.00hrs with first visitors arriving at 09.52!



There followed another 360 visitors before the final group departed in their family saloon.



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Management Matters.

It is now the long-term policy of the management group that all artefacts held within the Museum should become the property of the Museum. However it is recognised that to achieve this will take time as, although records are sketchy, it is known that some artefacts are privately owned and were simply loaned to the Museum for exhibition purposes. To pursue this long-term objective therefore, the following procedure will be adopted to give opportunity to those who have loaned artefacts to the museum to review their situation in the light of these new proposals.

Firstly claimants will have to satisfy the Museum management group of the validity of their claim. To initiate this, a claim form can be obtained from the Museum.

Claimants will then be given the following options:

To remove the artefact from the Museum

To gift the artefact to the Museum

To loan the artefact to the Museum at the proven owners risk.

Note: Artefacts will not be insured against loss or damage and while the Museum will take reasonable care and provide "lock-up" accommodation, it cannot accept any responsibility for their safety or security.

In the case of the latter two options, a written agreement between the Museum and the proven owner will be needed.

It is considered by the management group that this process should be time limited and it is proposed that from Sunday 3 May 2020, one year from now, all artefacts held by the Museum will considered to be the property of the Museum.

It is hoped that this policy will not be regarded as too draconian or administrative overkill but it is strongly felt by the management group that a rationalisation of the present situation is necessary.

Volunteers available, the intent is for the Museum to be open on from 10a.m. to 4p.m. on Sundays throughout the summer until the end of September. Also similarly on Bank holidays but if travelling long distances, checking beforehand with Clive on 01234 771984 or *clivebobcarroll@yahoo.co.uk* is recommended.

There are early thoughts of a special event in September so "watch this space!"