



Report for Parish Council

2020 - 2021

Inevitably, this has been an unusual year for the Heritage Group, as with all other organisations. The lockdowns and other restrictions have limited what the Group wanted to achieve and it has only met once in February 2020. However, the Group has not been inactive and we have tried to achieve some of our aims. Some of the planned activities have been postponed or implemented in different ways to that proposed and some of the funds provided to the Group by the Parish Council have either been unused so far.

Planned activity	Outcome
Buildings booklet	The Group has undertaken much research into a good number of buildings within the village. The intention was to produce a hard copy booklet for circulation to all households. Due to the restrictions it has not been possible to get together to finalise this. However, a near final draft has been produced and uploaded to the website so that it is available for anyone interested in reading it.
VE Day event	A special event was planned for VE Day and initially this was postponed and provisionally it was thought it could be held on the VJ Day weekend. Sadly this was not possible and so has been cancelled. The group has done much planning and preparation for the event. It is hoped that another event could be organised perhaps in 2022 with a different theme. Hopefully many of the resources we have purchased and developed can be used then.
Newspaper research	The Council has funded a subscription to the online British Newspaper Archive and the Group has successfully downloaded a large number of articles dating back to the 1700s. It was planned to put hard copies of these in the Church, but this has not yet been possible due to Covid restrictions. A summary of the many articles is available on the website we have started identifying themes from the newspapers, the first of which concerns crime in the village. See https://www.campseaashechurch.org.uk/Newspaper_archive.php

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Church displays	Normally the Group organises a display in the Church showing different aspects of the heritage of the village. We also keep as many hard copies of relevant documents there so that visitors can have access to them. Over the years we have received many positive comments about both the displays and the documents. However, since the first lockdown the documents have had to be removed and it has not been possible to put up displays. Both will resume as soon as possible and we are grateful to the Church for accommodating these.
Newsletter	The Heritage Group normally circulates a hard copy of a Newsletter at least once each year. Again, this has not been possible in 2020, but we have produced an e-newsletter that we have circulated as widely as possible. Without a comprehensive database of email addresses we obviously cannot be sure how many people in the village have received this, but we hope many have. It is also available on the website.
Website	The Group continues to maintain the Church and Heritage website.
Village Recorder	The Group continues to act as Village Recorder and items of interest are uploaded to the website - https://www.campseaashechurch.org.uk/Village_Today.php The Group produces an annual report that summarises events and activities that have occurred in the village during the year.
Responding to requests	The Group receives occasional requests for information and advice about heritage matters concerning the village and we are pleased to respond to these as best we can. It is encouraging that we receive such requests from different parts of the world, not just locally.

Future Plans

As soon as it is possible the Heritage Group will reconvene and will put together a plan of action.

Campsea Ashe Heritage Group
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