



Date: 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016

To whomever it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of Lymm High School in support of the proposed plans for the Lymm Heritage Centre. Current changes to the KS3 and KS4 curriculum mean there is a greater demand for local history. At GCSE we now have an aspect called 'an historical environmental study', which seems ideal to link to the rich heritage of Lymm and its links with the Industrial Revolution.

The heritage centre will offer a wide range of opportunities for our students at Lymm as we have proposed to link our Scholar's Programme for gifted and talented students to complete a research project for the centre on Lymm during World War One to link into the centenary, which will then make up a temporary exhibition that will hopefully encourage the community with links to our school to visit the centre.

We would also look forward to giving our A-Level History students the opportunity to use their enrichment time to run sessions for primary school children at the centre and help with the day to day running of it so that it can be open regularly for the whole community to use. This would give them fantastic experience and enable them to develop important skills such as communication, which will help them attain university places and jobs in the future.

The centre will also provide us with artefact boxes that could be used with KS3 to help bring history to life in the classroom and enable them to understand the community that they live in.

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We are keen to see the heritage centre up and running and will look forward to utilising this important resource to give our students the opportunity to access the wealth of local knowledge and resources that the heritage centre can provide.

Yours faithfully,

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Founded in 1967

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To Whom It May Concern

Letter of Support for Lymm Heritage Centre

Lymm History Society was founded in September 1967 by a local Doctor and a group of enthusiasts, all of whom were concerned that the rapidly developing village of Lymm in Cheshire had many stories to tell about its rich history, much of which would soon be lost forever if that history and its many artefacts were not collected, recorded and passed on for the benefit and knowledge of future generations.

Over the 50 years since its inception Lymm History Society has gathered many artefacts, together with a rich vein of local knowledge. Its membership has grown from those original stalwarts to upwards of 75 members today, who meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month from September to May in Lymm Village Hall, these meetings include a guest speaker. However, whilst enthusiasm and boundless energy amongst the membership has always been present in abundance, the Society has doubtless suffered from the lack of a central premises where exhibits can be displayed from time to time. We are therefore delighted to learn of the recent formation of Lymm Heritage Centre which has similar goals to Lymm History Society together with a determination to provide a central resource in the Village where Lymm's rich history can be recovered, valued and portrayed to best effect for the benefit of the next generation.

There is no doubt in our minds that our two organisations can and will, work closely together, sharing knowledge and ideas whilst pulling together our joint resources, and therefore we wish Lymm Heritage Centre every success in this venture, and we at Lymm History will guarantee our support whenever and wherever possible.

Yours faithfully

Brian Smith  
Chairman



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The Heritage Lottery Fund

Dear Sirs

I am writing in support Lymm Heritage Centre's application for Heritage Lottery funding.

The Heritage Centre is our nearest neighbour and we have had the opportunity to both work with it and observe its development first hand. The team, led by Alan and Su Williams, has from a standing start gained use of a semi-derelict building at a prime location in the village centre and, with the full co-operation of the owner, overseen its transformation into showpiece premises. The group has also enthused and recruited a willing team of volunteers to take the project forward.

Alan and Su Williams have a proven track record in community initiatives and, through their enthusiasm, drive and commitment, they have inspired many others in the community to sign up as new volunteers, most notably recently in the Lymm Festival of Historic Transport. Lymm is well blessed with voluntary organisations, several of which organise annual events or festivals. The Lymm Festival is a 10 day programme of poetry readings, music and other cultural events which remains popular with a rather narrow section of the community. Three years ago Alan and Su decided to launch the Lymm Festival of Historic Transport on the last day of the 2013 Lymm Festival to celebrate Lymm's historic links with road, rail and canal travel. Despite atrocious weather the day was an instant success greatly broadening the reach of the Festival to the wider community and encouraging massive participation of both residents and visitors in Lymm, while at the same time educating about Lymm's place in transport history. The drive and enthusiasm of the organisers was such that they quickly recruited dozens of new volunteers whose commitment has been such that Alan and Su have been able to take a lesser role as an independent, self-sustaining organisation is continuing to develop the event so that it is already the most popular event in Lymm attracting participation by 8000 visitors in 2016.

Su, in particular, has been a volunteer at Lymm Youth and Community Centre for many years and has worked tirelessly to educate, motivate and entertain members of the local community from age 6 years old at our Junior Youth Club to centenarians at our Senior Social.

We have watched the same process of development of an idea and enthusing and recruitment of mostly new volunteers in the launch of the Heritage Centre and have no doubt that it will become equally successful and self-sustaining. Our own experience of the interest in Lymm's rich local heritage has made us aware of the

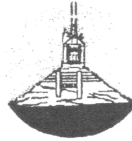
thirst for information about Lymm's important part in the development of transport by water, rail and road as well as its link with other historical events from dinosaurs' footprints to the development of nail slitting and fustian cutting which can be only partly satisfied by the active and popular Local History Society. Visitors to our Centre frequently ask if there is somewhere where they can find out more about the heritage of the area and working with young people at the youth club we are very aware how many of them come from families from outside the area who know very little about their new home, and how popular the Water Transport school-days in conjunction with the Historic Transport Festival have become.

We have no doubts about the need for the proposed Heritage Centre and have no hesitation in supporting wholeheartedly its application for Heritage Lottery funding.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink. The first part of the signature is 'Steve' written in a cursive style. The second part is 'Griffiths', also in cursive, with a large, sweeping 'G' that loops around the first part of the name.

Steve Griffiths  
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Dear Alan,

**Heritage Centre**

I am pleased to inform you that your recent grant application has been successful. At February's meeting the Council agreed to award a £3,000 (three thousand pounds) grant towards the scheme which can be 'pulled down' when the project is ready to start.

The Parish Council whole heartedly support this initiative and would like to thank all the volunteers in your group who have worked so tirelessly to ensure that the Heritage Centre will become a reality.

Yours sincerely,

Amanda Riley  
Clerk to the Council



# ROUNDTABLE

LYMM & DISTRICT 796

Alan Williams  
Lymm Heritage and Information Centre  
The treasurer  
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Lymm

10th April 2016

Dear Alan ,

Following your recent request for funding, at a recent meeting of Lymm & District Round Table, it was with pleasure that we agreed to support your organisation with a donation of £1000 per annum for 3 years. This is subject to the Heritage centre being solvent and actively operating, not becoming a solely commercial operation and there being sufficient Operational funds in L&D Round Table to meet our liabilities. It is made completely at the discretion of the Trustees of L&D RT, and may be withdrawn at any time.

Lymm & District Round Table raise funds from a wide range of local businesses and organisations – a few of our corporate supporters are listed overleaf, and their support helps run our events, which then raise the majority of our funds from local people participating in our annual events, be it Duck Race, The Big Lymm Bonfire or Lymm BeerFest. Operating these events is a big part of Round Table, and reflects a lot of work from the whole team.

A number of the organisations we have supported ask us for a Logo, for use on their websites or literature– You will find a suitable logo here: <http://tinyurl.com/ntzxapw> . You're free to make use of the logo in any appropriate manner.



May I thank you for all the great work you do. It's organisations like yourselves that makes 'Lymm & District' a great place to live, and we are pleased to support you and Lymm Heritage and Information Centre in your endeavours.

Regards

Graham Gowland

Chairman, Lymm & District Round Table 796

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We are writing in support of the proposed plans for the Lymm Heritage Centre. Current changes to the primary National Curriculum mean there is a greater demand for local history to be taught across EYFS/ KS1 and KS2. Lymm is a village with a rich heritage and we welcome the opportunity for our pupils to access a heritage centre which offers opportunities to explore our local history in greater depth.

The wide range of learning opportunities that the heritage centre proposes will provide maximum impact for historical learning in local primary schools. Exhibitions, displays, activities, on line resources, resource/ project boxes and artefact collections will give our pupils a comprehensive historical experience along with the wealth of knowledge and expertise that the volunteers and staff offer. The location of the centre is ideal as it is central to all schools with five village schools within walking distance. Having the flexibility for our pupils to attend the centre and for centre resources to come to us would be a great asset.

We would welcome any resources that bring to life Lymm's historical story and its place in the landscape today. Schools would welcome information and resources regarding fustian cutting, gold beating, the transport revolution, local traditions and festivals, historical stories, retail changes, architecture and buildings, census information, school history and influential people/ residents.

The recent "Brazil 66" exhibition was a popular choice with our pupils who enjoyed the variety of displays and artefacts and the additional information provided by the volunteers. This also gave us the opportunity to get a flavour of the potential of having a heritage centre available on our doorstep, and we are keen to access the range of exhibitions in the future.





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