



BTT Members,

The BTT Board hope you will find this document useful and informative.

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Chair's Comments

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BTT SOCIALLY DISTANCED NEWS

Despite all the traumas of the last five months, the Trust has been operating as best we have been able.

Someone said to be last week that life has zoomed by since March and, perhaps unwittingly, rather hit the nail on the head.

We have all got used to 'Zooming' and our activities have been mainly undertaken via such meeting and socially distanced garden get-togethers for limited numbers.

Despite the setbacks, BTT projects

and interests have advanced. Paul Rynsard has conscientiously been taking the High Baxter Street project forward and has exciting news on that set out below.

John Popham has been making good progress on the railway station along with a working group of stakeholders.

And, Marian Shaw has been working with Margaret Charlesworth and Paul Tatum in advance of her taking over the Membership Secretary's role.

So, life has gone on at BTT as much as it has for us all, despite other contingencies.

At this stage, I will highlight, as Paul R does below, to remind members that we would still welcome further loans to secure the works on 11 High Baxter Street.

I also turn to members' suggestions as we seek to fill two vacant posts on the BTT Board. We would especially welcome anyone with a legal background and some who would be interested in assisting with our educational activities.

Filling these positions would ease the load on other board members. We have been attempting to fill these two posts for some time, so would welcome any input from you, the members.

Fingers crossed, that the worst of the pandemic's effects are a thing of the past for us and we can soon return to some more general normality.

Best wishes,
Peter Riddington



11 High Baxter Street

The Trust Board is very pleased to announce that Seaman & Son have been appointed to work on the 11 HBS project, with work starting at the end of this month.

During lockdown, work has continued on preparing the house, completing production and construction drawing and specification.

I have also had discussions/negotiations with the property's neighbours regarding scaffolding licences and Health & Safety reports.

At this stage, I would like to give a special thankyou to Ed Thuell at Whitworths for continuing to work in difficult circumstances.

The Phase I work will include the demolition of the later late Victorian extensions and repairing, refurbishing and decorating the exterior of the house. This will also include roof repairs and joinery.

During this work, much of the construction of the house will be

revealed which will be exciting to see. We are hoping for some unexpected surprises – good ones of course!

We will be recording this work, keeping a photographic/video record and, if possible, short tours will be arranged for interested members.

An important part of this process has been securing the finances for the project. We are in discussions with leaders for the Phase II works and we hope to hear from them later this month.

Meanwhile, the BTT loan scheme remains open to members. Everyone should have received the details of how you can be involved in this exciting project which I am certain with benefit the whole town as well showcase the expertise available on the BTT Board.

If you are interested in backing the scheme, please contact the Treasurer Paul Tatum, or contact me if you wish to discuss further details.

We are pleased to have Harriet Kirby-Smith join us over the next three months. She will be working with the project team and we hope this will be the first of several opportunities we can offer people in the area.

I am pleased to report that West Suffolk College construction department will be involving their students. The property gives them an unique opportunity to learn and witness the construction techniques needed to work on older buildings.

This is an exciting time for BTT and your support as ever will be

appreciated.

We will keep you informed as the project progresses. Do not hesitate to contact me, or any other Board member, for any further details.

Best wishes,

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The BTT Board is hoping to arrange a Zoom meeting which will include members who wish to join in on Tuesday, November 17 2020.

Further details will be available soon.