



## Intermediate project impact report

### Organisation Details

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### Project Details

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**Q1 In no more than 500 words please outline the key outcomes of your project.**

Heritage for All.

We would like to introduce a new format for our history group by increasing the number of events and meetings each year following on from previous successful historical and archaeological activities and increased interest in village history.

We would like to encourage experts in their field to visit us here and help us unravel the village's history

We hope this will enable us to discover new historical information about the history of the village

We will do this by introducing a series of activities to encourage younger residents to join us as well as social interaction for older more isolated villagers

We aim to develop further community involvement for those who are keen to know about the history of Cawood

Our activities will range from lectures by eminent local historians, collecting oral history, guided tours of the village for newer residents, field walking of potentially new historic sites, digging test pits in gardens throughout the village to find distribution of earlier inhabitant's, research into buildings in the village, practical archaeology and visiting other historic sites

The research into houses in the village was prompted by an eminent brick expert when recording bricks at our last archaeological dig. She had identified special bricks found at our last dig which could indicate a brick making industry here in the village. She encouraged us to investigate further into this brick making industry. Using her knowledge and support, we will be looking at the different historic houses in the village, measuring their bricks and using this information to identify the dates of unknown houses in the village. Cawood is noted for its fine 17<sup>th</sup> century houses and we would like to discover more about them

We have a large proportion of older residents who live alone with knowledge of life here. We would like to encourage them to share their knowledge with us during afternoon teas . Using old photographs we can stimulate conversations about their childhood in Cawood We will provide regular afternoon teas sessions for anyone who would like to hear about the history of the village

We will provide a range of activities for children to stimulate their interest in their surroundings. One such activity will be mole hill sifting where they can search for buried treasure brought up by the moles



**Q2 In no more than 500 words please demonstrate how the project has met the Community Development Plan objectives that were identified in the original application for funding.**

**The Community Development Plan objectives that we proposed to work with are:**

**Abolish Loneliness**

There are many single, widowed or lonely elderly residents living alone in Cawood.

We have introduced social interaction and meetings through providing seasonal afternoon teas three times this last year and will continue to do this in 2018. These are an opportunity for us to collect oral history from the older residents. This is not confined to retired people as we have had new residents come along to join in too. These teas have been a delight for everyone including ourselves. We used photographs to encourage discussion. The people who came expressed their gratitude to us for a lovely friendly occasion. We hope after meeting each other at the sessions they will continue to be friends and all seemed keen to return next time. We hope over time these will help alleviate some of the feelings of isolation and encourage new friendships to form

This enables us to capture local history and family history that would be otherwise lost

**Support our villages to provide a vibrant range of activities**

Our events have provided a vibrant range of activities for all age groups adding to the range of activities already available in the village. We have been introducing historical events since 2005 and the village have supported us during this time. We are providing a group that looks at the history of the village and encourage people to join in and participate. There are no other groups in the village like ours

There are other groups who we shared events with such as the Women's Institute and village school

Our new Facebook page 'Heritage of Cawood' and our web site [www.cawoodheritage.org.uk](http://www.cawoodheritage.org.uk) provides a platform for comments and interest about the history of the village

All this adds to the range of activities provided in the community



**Continuation of The Community Development Plan objectives that we proposed to work with are:**

**Encourage involvement and volunteering in our community**

Through events organised by our group we hope to encourage and involve many villagers to volunteer to help with collecting evidence from the past.

This is an opportunity for everyone to get to know each other in a relaxed and informative way.

There are many interesting tasks that can be done by volunteers..

We have already involved new people in helping to find out if the Archbishop of York was fish farming in the medieval times. On this occasion we needed residents with strong arms...a unique ability? Others have been looking at historic documents and transcribing them

**Encourage information sharing between community's activities and organisations**

We always like to invite other groups to our events. We did this with our guided tour of the village, the Drone evening and the 2 brick workshops. This enabled the other community groups to take their new knowledge back to their groups

Our Face Book page shares all our events with a larger area

Our group is a member of Timeline York Plus...a community of history groups across the greater York area. We regularly share information with each other WE will be offering speakers which other groups might not be able to afford to fund for themselves. We will welcome them to our events

We were delighted to hold the July CEF meeting in the village school and included a free guided tour of our Scheduled monument, The Castle Garth, which enabled us to share our knowledge of the Archbishop's castle garden to others in the eastern CEF group

**Increase activities for young people**

Our history events in the past have introduced large numbers of children to archaeology. We will continue to do this by involving the school in our activities and by providing events suited to different age groups

Mole hill sifting is something that the school can take part in this allows children to look for buried treasure without actually digging on our scheduled monument and measuring bricks is a fun activity for everyone.



**Q3 In no more than 250 words please give details of any additional benefits or objectives that the project has met that were not anticipated/ outlined in the original application for funding.**

A change in the programme from 'Buildings in Space and Time' to a new venture ' Aerial Archaeology and the Rise of the Drones' .an aerial mapping programme which was given to us for free. This has enabled us to look at future projects and sites for the coming year, such as local Iron Age and Romano British settlements from the air, previously an expensive method of detection

We have continued to map further areas and discovered yet more places that we can investigate WE are trying to find Roman occupation in the outer village area

The brick workshops have led to a much bigger project involving more volunteers with additional skills such as computer programming, enabling us to produce an on-line survey for recording the bricks. We have discovered that we are the first community in the country to attempt to record the bricks for the whole village and hope to produce a booklet with all the results The computer data collection can be shared to other communities to allow them to record their historic houses

We have used Cawood church for the afternoon tea sessions. This has been fully supported by the church and delighted at its unusual use

A visit by 2 metal detectorists with silver Roman coins has encouraged us to investigate further the land where they were found. This has potential for new important discoveries not yet made in the locality.

The afternoon teas have brought us new oral history and were enjoyed by everyone who came along

We hope to commemorate the end of WW1 in November with a special service to remember those young men who did not return home



**Any other comments on the project and its success:**

We are delighted to say that so far it has been a very successful project and we are thrilled with the way it has been supported by the village and the many visitors who have come along to the events.

We are looking forward to this coming year's activities and events

The brick recording is growing and will be a significant piece of recorded data that can help identify other houses in the district

We have worked out a formula for recording the bricks which could be used elsewhere through our on-line survey or by using our paper recording material

The potential for introducing more historical information from the possible settlements that are surrounding the village is immense and will be good to add to the general history of the district...such as Roman settlement potential

Very little is known about life in Roman times in this area. We are hoping to bring all the current information together and hopefully discover more in the future

The afternoon teas are very popular and we hope this will continue next year

We strongly believe each of our events has contributed to relieving issues of loneliness and isolation. Each event has time for refreshments where attendees can socialise in a non-pressured setting – some choose to sit and listen to other's conversation whilst others are active participants. In addition, the afternoon tea events are aimed primarily at older residents, the majority of whom live on their own. These events have a convivial atmosphere and most attendees stay for longer than the two hours allocated to these.

Feedback has suggested these are extremely successful in cultivating a sense of community in the village.