

## **Waveney Heritage CIC: - Keeping you up-to-date July 2020**

**Hallo everyone. We do hope you are keeping well and not getting too bored. I must say that, despite the gradual relaxing of lock-down, (and I got my hair cut this week!) I'm really missing the talks, visits to museums and exhibitions we usually enjoy, to say nothing of trips to lovely gardens, houses and wildlife sites.**

**However, I'm making up for all that by doing lots of reading. Now the libraries have re-opened I have a great pile of new books to wade through. I must say, Suffolk have been great. I gave them a sort of list for both myself and my granddaughter. The lovely librarian at Eye then suggested a load more, so all I need now more is some time to settle to them. It's been easier the last few days because the horrible weather has kept us out of the garden. However, looking at how the weeds are growing I think I'll be outside again pretty soon!**

**Up at the Heritage Centre we continue to be busy, keeping our two metre distance of course. The work on the grounds is proceeding, although has slowed recently because Henry who has been working on the playground and was about to start painting windows has hurt his back. However, he is recovering, so all is not lost and we definitely look much tidier since he and a friend removed some of the junk, consisting of bits of wire, old canoes broken trailers, ancient filing cabinets etc., which had been lying around outside.**

**We have at last found a volunteer who has offered to help in the Archive room. She has already made a great impression, sorting things so that we now have shelves full of labelled box files ready for the next step. We are in contact with the Archive Centre in Norwich who we hope will be able to advise us on forming an on-line catalogue, ensuring that everything is in a common format which can be read by other organisations and members of the public.**

**As you know, we have been wishing to convert to a charity, not least because we feel this would more in keeping with our aims and ambitions, partly as regards our wish to convert to museum status in the future, but also to open up access to more grant-aiding bodies. In addition, but definitely not least, we will then be able to claim Gift Aid on all donations. This will add over 20% to all donations at no cost to ourselves or the donor. We have decided to ask for professional help in connection with this. As you know we are very few with lots of responsibilities and, in order to get it right, this seems a good investment of some of our grant money.**

**We are making plans for the future as regards our talks and exhibition program and hope that by next Spring we will be able to invite all those speakers who kindly offered to give talks this year to give them next year instead. We still harbour hopes that we might manage some sort of occasion around Christmas this year, but of course it is definitely all subject to "the virus". You will remember that we had to cancel our VE day celebration as well. We have it in mind that we might be able to make this "VE-one-year-after" next year. So watch this space!**

**In the meantime, our very best wishes to you all and keep safe, as always.**

**Mary T and all your Directors.**