

App 1 Coanwood Featherstone Lambley History Group

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Our voluntary community group were holding regular monthly meetings and inviting speakers to do talks on our local area history, until the Covid 19 struck. Our aim is to get people engaged both locally and outside of our area to build a website and have an archive facility with the addition of producing a book on our fascinating local area. We are exploring Mining, Churches/Chapels Featherstone Castle, Featherstone Prisoner of War Camp, Public Houses, Farming, Industry, Lambley Priory, Roman activity ie Maiden Way, Schools, Old properties no longer with us, People/families, Railway, Cultural Traditions, Flora and Fauna, Digital Memories etc. We formed a committee, bank account constitution and were just about to send in a Heritage Lottery bid when the applications were stopped for Covid 19. We also want to organise trips to Woodhorn, Libraries for example for fact finding, walks round the area with local people who have a wealth of knowledge. We would also like to interview more elderly people in the parish to glean stories and facts. We started meeting up in May 2018 and have plenty of interest and willing helpers. We first of all held meetings twice a month in Featherstone Village Hall and found we had plenty of interest. We then held specific local history talks which created more interest from a wider audience and started to make a slight profit on these. We had lots of plans for this year but Covid 19 stopped the gatherings. There has never been a book or website about this specific area pulling all its history together. These are things we could be getting on with currently, with financial assistance. We have letters of support from local people relating to our project and can not wait to get started. The sort of things we are looking for funding for are as follows

- 1) obtaining equipment for oral history
- 2) hiring village halls for presentations/talks
- 3) paying for trips to archives, libraries etc
- 4) designing and creating a website for all to view
- 5) purchasing equipment for taking and displaying photos /projecting photos etc on open days in village halls
- 6) producing and writing a book on the local area
- 7) paying for archive space for public viewing
- 8) training volunteers

The people who will benefit from our project are;
Local people of any age from School children to OAPs - say 1000 plus people

Coanwood special school want a talk and walk when we can do this after restrictions are lifted.

Visitors to the area - all ages, many people visit on holiday for Lambley Viaduct/ Featherstone Castle etc

Families and relatives that have moved away from the area looking for its history, we have established many of these so far, again all ages will benefit. Children and adults looking to trace family roots are a good example.

Items of expenditure

Audio/Video equipment, Computer/ Projector/ Screen £1150

Display stands/Photo Frames/ printer for exhibitions/stationary £938

Website Design/upkeep £500

Book -production and printing and digital copy £3900

Meeting Hall Fees Teas and coffees etc £650

Travel for volunteers and trips away, coach costs etc £1100

Total £8,238 plus volunteers time

Sources of funding

Bank Account funds £181

NCC Community Chest 75% of £2088 = £1566 now paid

Just Giving / Crowdfunding £125 so far

Secured so far £1,872 plus volunteers time

Still to find £6,366

Other potential funding

Sir James Knott Trust -Applied for £900 no word yet

Lottery Funding- If and when we can apply will ask for £3000 but no idea when

Joicey Trust, to apply for shortly £800

SmithTrust, to apply for shortly £900

Coanwood/Featherstone/Hartleyburn Parish Councils to contact for donation

Haltwhistle Town Council – to contact for donation