



<b>Dacorum Heritage Network</b>		
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	10am – 11.15am	MS TEAMS
Meeting called by	Nina Glencross & Melissa Maynard from Dacorum Heritage Trust (DHT)	
Type of meeting	Initial introduction and conversation of the proposed Dacorum Heritage Network	
Facilitator	Nina Glencross & Melissa Maynard from DHT	
Note taker	Nina Glencross & Melissa Maynard from DHT	
Attendees	Nina Glencross, Public Engagement Manager, DHT Melissa Maynard, Interim Collections Manager, DHT Lily Donlan, Fundraising and events Officer, Open Door Berkhamsted (OD) Hannah Fehr, Community Partnership Manager, Crown Estate (CE) Naomi Woodstock, Community Engagement Officer, Hemel Garden Communities (HGC) Annie Smith, Community Partnerships and Wellbeing, Dacorum Borough Council (DBC) Mary Casserley, Berkhamsted Local History Museum Society (BLHMS) Norman Groves, (BLHMS) Stephen Gill, Trustee, (DHT) Robin Herzberg, Trustee, (DHT) Cybele Fernandes, Diversity and Inclusion Lead, (DBC)	
<b>What is the Dacorum Heritage Network?</b>		
<p>Nina introduced the Dacorum Heritage Network proposal, expounding on the document circulated with the meeting link.</p> <p>Nina and Melissa both discussed potential ideas for work within the network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- potential engagement projects such as reminiscence sessions, school visits, exhibitions, library display cases,</li><li>- potential collecting projects such as oral history, sharing collections information and resources</li><li>- potential joint funding applications for project working</li></ul> <p>DHT has applied for a National Lottery fund for jubilee activities – if successful, we hope that each member of the network would be able to work with us within the network on this collaborative project. This project will be the first opportunity for collaboration since the launch in December 2021. The Network</p>		



will work closely to develop engagement opportunities for intergenerational audiences across the project.

The DHN will be a collaborative space for community partners to develop intergenerational workshops and pop-ups sharing 'life in the 1950s', inspired by the collection. Offering free, borough-wide, workshops.

If successful it would mean we would refresh object handling boxes, sharing an engagement program, throughout the dacorum area. Benefits

### Comments, thought and ideas

Melissa invited all attendees to share their thoughts on the proposed network:

Cybele offered her assistance in raising awareness of diversity and inclusion over the next year, with Annie seconding this around the types of advice and support Cybele might be able to offer to member organisations and individuals.

Naomi shared HGC's role in using the heritage of Hemel Hempstead and how it was built to help influence the future, that it's about innovation and moving forwards.

Lily re-iterated the value of networks and partnerships especially to funding bodies who want (and expect) to see beneficial partnerships. Lily also spoke about how OD might be able to provide spaces for meetings, activities and exhibitions for members.

Norman raised the question about the role of the network, that it has to represent genuinely new ways to work together and not a vehicle for DHT to meet their Service Level Agreement with DBC and their own projects. Steve confirmed that the Service Level Agreement between DBC and DHT is very broad and includes working with societies and other bodies. Discussion around this showed the need for all potential network participants to be surveyed as to thoughts around the purpose and objectives of the network to be discussed and agreed at the next meeting.

The survey and next meeting will also decide the structure of the meeting and a discussion was held as to what individual parties wanted. Initial thoughts included:

- Updates about the work of each member
- Sharing good practice
- Collaborative information sharing
- Support from other members through being able to call on each other's expertise (e.g. fundraising, administration, marketing, collection care, etc.)
- Supporting each other's events and network events, including but not limited to marketing.

Steve highlighted that we were still waiting for the outcomes from the culture framework and activities like a new website could be part of this

Concern was also raised about the limited number of attendees at the meeting, however as it's just before Christmas, in the working day and with illness going around, that this was understandable. However another meeting in late January was proposed, to be held in the evening, and that all attendees today have a responsibility to encourage others to come along to that meeting. Mary



suggested that the libraries should be invited to join and Annie said that she could ensure the invitation went through.

Annie also confirmed that she is keen to promote all heritage and cultural activities in the borough and her team at DBC are able to use their social media channels and pass information to the central marketing and communications team. This would include the monthly Dacorum Life e-publication.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Notes of the meeting, the proposal paper & an expression of interest and participant survey to be distributed to all attendees, invitees and wider audience (latter via DHT website)	Nina & Melissa	24.12.2021 5pm
Notes of the meeting, the proposal paper & an expression of interest and participant survey to be sent to Annie at DBC to be included in the January edition of Dacorum Life	Nina	24.12.2021 5pm
All attendees to complete the expression of interest and participant survey	All	18.01.2022 5pm
All attendees to invite their community and heritage networks to attend the next meeting	All	25.01.2022 6-7pm

Next meeting: Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022; 6pm-7pm \*PLEASE NOTE THIS WAS LATER CHANGED TO **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022 6pm – 7pm**

Purpose: to use the results of the survey to agree the objectives of the network in 2022-2023.