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If you would like to get involved in any way, please get in touch. houghendhall@gmail.com or ring Carolyn Kagan (0161 881 6887)

We are pleased to bring you the latest update on the achievements (and frustrations) of the Hough End Hall project.

This month has given us a bit of a breather as we wait to hear about the grant applications we have submitted. We haven't been sitting on our laurels though.

The continuing saga of RBS and the campaign

The upshot of our petition to RBS in the summer was that they extended the time within which they definitely will not contract with another buyer until we have heard the outcome of the Stage 1 bid to the Heritage Lottery (mid-December). If we are successful, they have said the 'will give consideration to extending the time period' until the decision is made about a Stage 2 Heritage Lottery bid. What exactly this means in practice, we don't know, but we hope we don't have to petition the CEO of RBS and Chancellor of the Exchequer again. But if this is what it takes, we will do it. Let's hope this concession and lukewarm support will be enough for Heritage Lottery Fund to believe we are worth funding.

Crowdfunding takes off

A big thankyou to all those who have started off our crowdfunding campaign. To date 53 funders have pledged between £2 and £1000. We will need many more people to pledge if we are to meet our target of £82,270 by the end of January 2015. So, why not become one of the crowd and pledge at

https://spacehive.com/HoughEndHall_lets_make_it_ours?

Most importantly, please encourage other people to take part as well. Pledges only turn into donations if the target is reached. There are different benefits on offer, all of which make you a part of the campaign.

The most generous donations will be recognised through the naming of rooms and

spaces within the Hall, if and when we acquire it.

If you pledge... *On completion you will be entitled to...*

£5 An invitation to the book launch

£10 An invitation to the opening of the Heritage Walk

£15 The ebook version of "Hough End Hall, the Story" when published.

£50 The print version of "Hough End Hall, the Story" when published.

£75 Signed and numbered Giclée prints of the painting of the Hall (limited to 200).

£100 Your name among the acknowledgments printed in the book

£250 If and when we acquire the Hall, your name will be included on the Roll of Honour to be displayed permanently.

Donations

Thank you, too to those who have made a contribution to our ongoing costs, without which we would not be able to keep up the profile of the campaign. Donations to Carolyn Kagan, 37 Chandos Road South, M21 0TH payable to Friends of Hough End Hall.

The word gets out

Twitter: We have sent out 237 Tweets, and have 170 followers. If you Tweet, please include us @ourheh

Mailing: We have a large mailing list and send regular updates.

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/houghendhall> If you are a Facebooker, do sign up.

Community events: find us at the Chorlton Art Market (in Precinct from November 1st) and at CAF Craft Fair at St Clements on December 6th

What Next?

- Look for other sources of funding and make applications
- Work hard to increase the number of pledges for the crowdfunding campaign and increase the number of pledges
- Organise some fundraising events - anyone want to help?