



Saltaire Stories

Past, Present and Future

Welcome to our first newsletter

Over the seven years it has taken to create this new charity, many people have offered encouragement. This newsletter is to say “thank you” and to offer an update on our rapid progress in recent months.



World Heritage Weekend - visitors learn about a working boat on the Leeds & Liverpool Canal

Saltaire has an important and inspiring heritage as a model industrial village.

Few other World Heritage Sites are living communities. That is why our education programme is called Saltaire Stories: Past, Present and Future.

The long-term aims of Saltaire Stories are to:

- involve residents and visitors of all ages and backgrounds in learning about Saltaire’s 19th century roots, its development and current life.
- encourage people across the world to make their own connections with this remarkable village through on-line resources.
- promote use of the Saltaire Archive by learners from schoolchildren to adult historians and researchers.
- collaborate wherever possible with other groups and individuals ways to provide ways to learn about the World Heritage Site.



Volunteers in the newly designated Saltaire Archive Room

In one sense, Saltaire Stories is nothing new! From the opening of Salts Mill in 1853, people keenly interested in the model village have done personal research, published articles, pamphlets and books, given talks, led walks, produced films and plays, written poetry and songs. Saltaire Stories volunteers are following earlier explorers of Saltaire's birth and its survival.

Our charity has been created with an eye to the long-term. It aims to deliver outstanding learning opportunities for current and future generations – perpetuating the legacy of our remarkable village

Milestones so far include:

- **October 2014** Saltaire World Heritage Education Association recognised by the Charity Commission.
- **April 2015** “Conversazione” at Victoria Hall attended by 1105 people as part of the fifth World Heritage Weekend organised by Saltaire Stories (and the earlier informal *Saltaire Learning* group).
- **August 2015** Shipley College, as one of the three member bodies of Saltaire Stories, allocates a permanent room for the Saltaire Archive within its Learning Resource Centre.
- **October 2015** A team of volunteers keenly interested in the Archive begins to meet regularly as Saltaire Stories takes on the management and promotion of the Archive by agreement with the College.
- **December 2015** A grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund is confirmed to develop a long-term strategy to care for the Archive and develop its educational potential.
- **March 2016** Archive and Education consultants are appointed to start work in April alongside Saltaire Stories volunteers.
- **April 2016** Saltaire's 6th World Heritage Weekend approaches!



A great weekend – rain or shine!
 Many groups have taken part in planning this year's mainly outdoor World Heritage Weekend:

- Friends of Roberts Park
- Shipley Glen Tramway
- Bracken Hall Countryside Centre
- United Reformed Church
- Friends of Kennet
- Canal & River Trust
- Baildon Welcomes Walkers
- Bingley Welcomes Walkers
- Monster Adventure
- Shipley College
- Multi-story Water

Many thanks to the funders:

- Saltaire Village Society
- Baildon Town Council
- BMDC Heritage Grants

Enjoy canal boaters' games, croquet, wood carving demonstration, drawing and making alpacas, archery tag etc.

Welcome to our Consultants

Following interviews in early March, Katharine Carlton and Sophie Adamson have been appointed for an 18-day Archive Consultancy. They will be working with Saltaire Stories volunteers to “map” educational themes within the Archive and to develop a long-term plan for archive care. They will assist the volunteer team to build up essential skills to manage of the Archive as a learning resource.

Allowing a few days for the mapping exercise to get underway, Peter Ralley and Allan Randall will begin a 16-day Education Consultancy. Their task includes matching key themes in the Saltaire Archive with aspects of the national curriculum and areas of study in further, higher and informal education. They will meet many education providers and test ideas for learning materials.

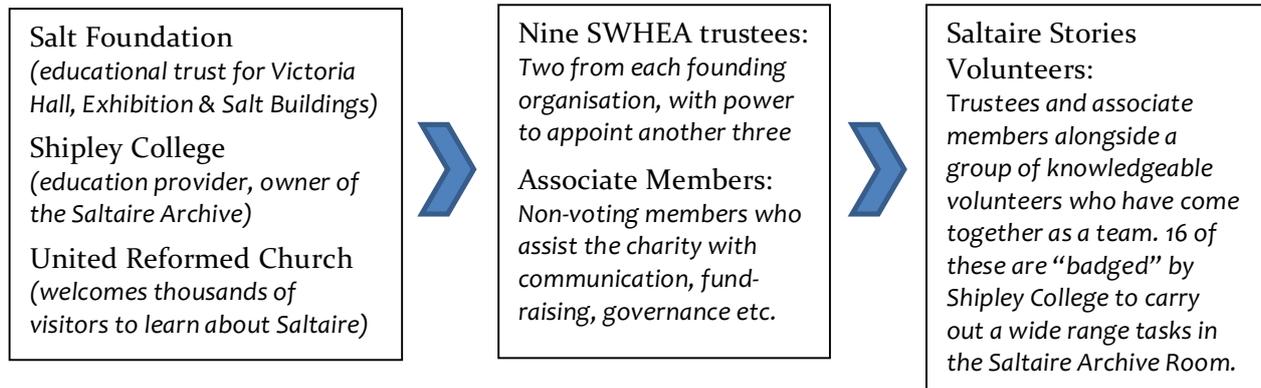


The Archive and Education consultants are funded by the Heritage Lottery. They will test and amend the detailed plans which Saltaire Stories submitted to HLF last year. Those plans are for two years of work 2017-2019: getting Archive material on line, developing good learning resources, and trying out different sorts of educational activities. The HLF requires every aspect of these plans to be practical and carefully costed. During the 2016 “development year” Saltaire Stories has time to consult widely and to refine our plans. We hope to

submit our Phase Two HLF bid in November. If that bid succeeds, we look forward to having Saltaire Stories members of staff alongside our volunteer team.

The Saltaire Stories framework

Three organisations worked together to set up Saltaire World Heritage Education Association (SWHEA) and its Saltaire Stories education programme. It has been a complex process! The constitution of our Charitable Incorporated Association is available for anyone interested to read.



Ways to support Saltaire Stories

Please contact us if you'd like to know more, to volunteer or to offer a donation. Further information is available from our simple website: www.salttairstories.org and on the Facebook page for Saltaire Stories: Past, Present & Future.

Our email is salttairstories@gmail.com

Work is underway to raise £14000 as match funding for the Phase 2 Heritage Lottery bid. If you would like to make a donation, however small or large, cheques (payable to **SWHEA**) can be sent to: Saltaire Stories, Shipley College (Resource Centre), Victoria Road, Shipley BD18 3LQ. Please enclose your name, address, and email with your cheque. Thank you!

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