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Antique Victorian Stove



Another valuable project developed by Keith R. Gulvin (chairman of the Slough Fort) is the cast iron fully restored and refurbished Victorian stove. The stove was purchased on eBay at a modest price and brought from Canterbury. This is almost an exact copy of the original one that was in the Guard Room, as a 1977 condition report on the fort carried out testifies and can be seen in the Guard Room.



After the restoration the value of this historical item increased at least 30 times in respect of its purchase price.

A new Flag waving

One of the aims of the Fort is the advancement of arts, culture and science therefore following the news presented in the previous issue, a flag was created and will be hoisted on our Open Day June 27th by Franklin Tarry, the Flag Design winner. The flag was kindly donated by Simeon Skey, the Managing Director of Zephyr Flags.

All the children's flag designs are displayed in the Wing Battery. Special thanks to Mrs Rimmer, the headteacher of Allhallows Primary Academy and Stoke Primary Academy for encouraging and allowing the students to explore our culture, learn about our wonderful history and our precious heritage.



Many thanks to Village Voices and Zephyr Flags for the incredible support granted to this project.

Bee the Change project

The Fort beehive and community orchard will inspire the children to carry on projects focused on sustainability. They will learn about them and about the importance of using our resources efficiently.



They will take home Slough Fort recipes, based on the fruits in our orchard and on the honey that we produce. They will write their own family recipe on our 'Bee the Change Recipe Book', a special book that will collect and preserve part of their heritage and their history.



The Fort is looking for New Trustees

With our expanding plans and workloads the Trust is looking to recruit additional Trustees to our management board.

We are looking for people who may have particular skills and experiences that they can bring to the project or will enhance those we already have.

GUIDED TOURS

Talking with Neil Ross Archaeologist and Trustee for Slough Fort



The role of the Trustees is to ensure that the Trust operates within its permitted legal powers and parameters and carries out the objectives as set out in its founding document. The Trustees main purpose is to manage the project strategically, make management decisions and ensure that they are carried through. Due to being a small organisation, our Trustees are also very hands on, running workdays and public events on the Fort.

However, there is a great deal that also goes on behind the scenes that can on occasions be time-consuming such as applying for grants, meeting outside bodies and attending meetings. We hold monthly Trustee meetings usually at the Fort. All Trustees and volunteers are unpaid for their duties to the Trust. If you feel that this is something you may be interested in or know somebody else who might, please get in touch via secretary@sloughfort.org.uk

Further details of what is expected of a Trustee can be found on the Charity Commission website via the link below:

The essential trustee: what you need to know, what you need to do - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Next tours coming up on the **4th and on the 18th of July at 11 am and 2 pm.** Please turn up 15 mins before the start of the tour.

For tickets visit www.ticketsource.co.uk/slough-fort-preservation-trust



When and how you started your collaboration with Slough Fort?

I became involved with Slough Fort near the end of 2014. The GM of the holiday park at the time, found out I had a background in archaeology and asked me to help with the setup of the group of volunteers and be liaison between Haven and the Fort group. It was a great chance to get back into archaeology and preservation, how could I say no?!



What can you tell us about your background in archaeology and how it helped you in working as a trustee?

I grew up watching Time Team in the 1990s which got me interested in archaeology and our heritage.

I then went on to study, in 1997, a degree in archaeology at the University of Wales Lampeter. As a trustee my degree has helped me greatly with the processes involved with the uncovering and preservation of the fort, and working with the relevant authorities so we don't fall foul of any legislation or laws when looking after a historic building like Slough Fort. This can take a little longer to get done, but looking after a building such as this is a marathon not a race!

What is your goal for Slough Fort this year?

After the past 18 months everyone has had my goal is very simple, to get people back in the fort, so it can be enjoyed by as many people, local and visitors to the area as possible. It is so important for our country's heritage and people's general wellbeing that we get back out to visit and access sites such as Slough Fort.

Can you tell us about a time when you had to work in particular difficult conditions?

I think for me when we had to dig out the Wing Battery of the fort. It was one of the projects we took on early in the project. Most had to be dug out by hand and was full of earth, rubbish and rubble, in some really tight spaces, we actually had to dig our way in! to top this off water was not draining away, so it was very wet and muddy. It took a long time but everyone did an amazing job and it now looks great.

What would you recommend for people who are wishing to visit Slough Fort

I would recommend our tours, which run every other Sunday at the moment, where they can see how far we have come over the years, in our museum. As well as completed restorations, such as the gun on the roof of the fort, and restorations under way like the guard room. Following us on our Facebook page for regular update and events we have coming up. Ultimately, get involved and become one of our volunteers!

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