

Much has happened since our last newsletter and restrictions are slowly being eased, allowing the fort to slowly open up for volunteers and visitors. We have had our first workday since February and our first tour for almost 11 months started on August 2nd. Find out how they went below. A successful start back to our beloved Fort!

## Work Day Starts Back

Our first workday back saw some major changes as to how we operate. Firstly, we now have limited



Rest area and tool box talk

the number of volunteers that can attend to 15 for each workday. Volunteers have to pre-request a spot at the Fort before attending so tasks can be individually allocated and tools readied for the day outside of the tool store.

The day started at 10am and kicked off with a toolbox talk for everyone, delivered by Trustee Michael who was the foreman for the day. Family groups were allowed to work together but everyone else complied with the 2m social distancing rule. Along with this, a new water heater was installed in the outside toilet with paper towels so that regular hand washing could take place along with hand gel dispensers placed in accessible points around the fort.

for social distancing, the caravan was placed out of bounds so a temporary rest area was setup in the main fort for lunch and drinks. Our volunteers didn't go without their normal bacon sand-



Grounds maintenance and weeding

wich and hot drinks prepared by Trustee Daune who took all the necessary steps to safeguard our volunteers. Special thanks go to volunteer Richard Kemp who kindly donated facemasks and additional protective items for the volunteers. Richard and Clive also took pictures of the day for our Facebook page.



Window bars being rubbed down and painted ready for the new windows



"I remember being young and playing with friends making forts with trees and blankets to hide and protect us from annoying friends. Visiting Slough Fort reminded me of this. Such a strong historic building made in the same way to protect and defend its territory. We couldn't believe this was on our doorstep when we moved to Allhallows.

Our first workday experience as a volunteer was amazing. So much history to take in. Everyone was so dedicated to restoring the fort with so much enthusiasm. Everyone wanted to tell us a little bit of history. Everyone had a part to play whether it being organising tools and jobs for everyone, or bacon sandwiches for our well-earned break. Thank you to everyone who made us welcome. We look forward to the next work day." - Julie



**Slough Fort was pleased to welcome 4 new volunteers—Julie, Mark, Lesley-Jane and John to its family at the first workday back. They worked extremely hard, took on the jobs with great enthusiasm and blended very well with our established volunteers. Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers for returning and for working so hard!**



Telephone line being installed from the range finding position to the 12pdr gun



Trustee Michael giving the caravan a wash



Scan QR code into your mobile device to find tickets and dates of tours or go to our Facebook page



## Tours are Back

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, Slough Fort tours are now ticket only events. This enables the fort to safeguard its guests and tour guides during our popular tours. Face masks need to be worn at all times but can be purchased on-site for a small fee.

Unfortunately, we cannot allow admittance on the day as these are ticket only tours.

Please carefully select desired dates and times as we cannot guarantee admittance to an alternative tour.

*Tours approximately last 1hr 20min.*

*Please note that the fort has stairs and uneven surfaces and some areas are unsuitable for wheel-chairs or prams.*

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/slough-fort-preservation-trust>



## Calling out to our supporters!

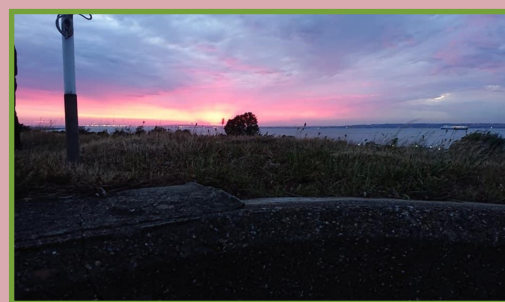
As we have not been able to raise funds in our normal manner (due to being unable to open the Fort for Open Days and regular events), we have initiated a crowd fundraising page with the hope that the shortfall of monies for the windows and doors, and new hand-rails in the Main Fort can be met in this way. Any donations would be greatly appreciated, no matter how small!



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## Return to the Paranormal



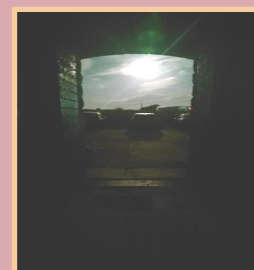
Our Fort ghosts have been very lonely recently due to the

cancelling of our very regular and popular paranormal nights. Fortunately for our friendly phantoms, our paranormal nights have now returned! We were happy to

host our first event for months with the return of Steve Moyles of **Ghost Hunt Events** and his crew. Trustees Stuart and Justine were at the



fort to personally vouch for the fact that it was an extremely active night with many Electronic Voice Phenomenons (EVPs). In addition, the beautiful back drop of the fort allowed for clear stargazing with fantastic views of Saturn, Jupiter and Mars and even a few of the Perseid meteorites!



We're raising £2,500 to cover partial funding of new windows & doors in the main fort and replacement of temporary hand rails between the newly constructed chimneys

12%

£305

raised of £2,500 target by 15 supporters

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We hope that you found this Newsletter informative. Please do contact us if you are able to provide any support to us in the form of tools/materials or time so that we may continue with our vital work to get Slough Fort back to its former glory. Please find us on our Facebook Page—**Slough Fort Volunteers Group** and on our website [www.sloughfort.org.uk](http://www.sloughfort.org.uk)

