

The Frinton + Walton Heritage Trust

A charity set-up in 1984 for the preservation and education of the local heritage [F,W + surrounding villages]

Secret Water

RAMSAR

SSSI



1 cm

W-le-Soken



A Very Rich Heritage

- Ancient Monument [Martello Tower]
- Listed buildings [Naze Tower, East Terrace, OLBH?]
- SSSI – Red Crag geology + fossils [bones + shells]
- RAMSAR – protected environment for wildlife
- GONE but still relevant
 - Walton-le-Soken,
 - Tidal + Wind Mills,
 - C19 development + prosperity as a Resort [postcard archive]
 - The Mere,
 - The Naze Golf Links,
 - Radar + war defences

Existing Co-operation

- **Walton Community Forum** – Website, Leaflets, Trails, Information Boards. Work with local business on town's regeneration.
- **Naze Tower** – successful commercial operation
- **Naze Protection Society** – holdback erosion [Crag Walk, Stony Point gabion baskets]
- **Essex Wildlife Trust** – Naze Centre is a major attraction + educator – we all benefit from the extra business it brings

Co-operation beyond Walton

- Historic England, Historic Essex, Lottery Fund, Co-op Eastern England for advice + funding.
- Essex Museums Development – ‘know-how’
- Share [Norfolk + Suffolk Museums collaboration]
- Harwich Society – loan of 1917 lifeboat crew’s attire
- Clacton History Society ref Len Blease research
- Brightlingsea – links on ideas + display for their new museum
- **The RTTC project has encouraged links not previously made.**

WALTON MARITIME MUSEUM

More than maritime, the museum exhibits the development and social history of Walton



Operated by Volunteers, Members of
The Frinton & Walton Heritage Trust

A charity, founded in 1984, with
100+ active members from a ~300 membership.

Walton's first RNLBI Lifeboat

100 years ago [1884]

the Lifeboat + the lifeboat house was funded by a donation from **The Honourable Artillery Company** [voluntary regiment] that used the Naze for manoeuvres practice.



1984 No2 RNLI Lifeboat + WMM

- FWHT bought + began restoration of the James Stevens No 14 lifeboat
- Lottery + community funding reinforced effort over 10yr period, **consolidated FWHT.**
- **Leased the original RNLI lifeboat house from Tendring DC in 1984 and started the museum**
- Delapidated condition but 'full repair' lease
- **Increased rental jeopardises future : long-term planning + funding is now essential**

James Stevens 14 arrives 1900



James Stevens 14



The fully restored lifeboat provides trips on the Backwater [+ beyond] in the summer

WMM role

- Open from 1 June – 30 September + Easter and May Holidays every year.
- Comprehensive exhibition of Walton's history
- Each season a new topical display [or two]
- Venturing into video + oral media, keen to expand with interactive media.

We need HELP!

People

- Digitally–savvy support
- Younger persons with time, energy + ideas
- Move to prof. + volunteer status [personal view]

Premises

- Central location to expand digital information + provide taster for Old Lifeboat House [WMM]
- Space for research + curatorial input

Work towards an all-year TOWN

Prospects

- Work with TDC + Planners to upgrade + infill abandoned, derelict areas- **jobs for young people**
 - **Mill Lane scope for**
 - Medical Practice,
 - Craft Workshops,
 - Small biz [printers, boat-related]
 - **Maritime Coastal Agency empty! – prime site**
 - Sea School, Training + Practice
- **Broader publicity**
 - Stena Line, Greater Anglia
 - ECC support Essex Outreach
 - **East England's coastal town's not well known***
Samantha Richardson, Coastal Tourism Academy

Legacy Assured!

- Post RTTC 2019: We need to plan now for ongoing engagement + co-operation.
- Note that after considerable effort from the town and TDC celebrating Walton's railway station's 150th anniversary in 2017 there is no lasting legacy.

RTTC – Our Focus



Especially Open for YOU!

The Walton Maritime Museum is open from

4.30-6.00pm

this evening

for RTTC delegates to visit

Wine + Soft drinks too!

FWHT Welcomes you all

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