

An exciting few months to look forward to!

BHVC is sponsoring this year's **scarecrow trail** with the theme of **Bygone Bampton**, starting on **1st August**. You can pick up the trail map from BHVC, Bampton Fresh, The Bridgehouse or online at <https://bampton.org.uk/temp-pdf/2208ScarecrowMap.pdf>. There are 14 scarecrows to find around town. Have fun, make sure you take any visiting family and friends around with you and don't forget to vote for your favourite!



August 29th sees our final bank holiday **Bounding Around Bampton walks**. This will also be the celebration of our **Walkers are Welcome** status. Why not join in? The short route will be about 4.5 miles and the longer route around 7 miles. Booking is essential – bhvcwalkingevents@gmail.com or pop into the Centre when we are open.

Heritage Open Days will run from **Thursday 15th to Sunday 18th September**, and



we will be hosting the **working model of Bampton railway** in the Community Hall. This is our key event of the year so please try to support in any way you can. Alison is asking for volunteers for the rota, or for cake baking, both of which we will need help with. Even if you can't be a volunteer on site then please call in to see the model and encourage your family, friends and neighbours to call in too. So many of our long-standing residents will have many memories of the railway – please talk to as many of them as you can to remind them of the event. We would love them to call in and share their memories.

Our first **Tom Macmanamon Heritage Talk** will be on **Wednesday 12th October**

in the church. You may have heard of Ted Talks – well we have our **Tom Talks!** This year the title is 'Legs and Wheels: the impact of transport on Bampton' and will be delivered by our own Andy Macdonald. This is sure to be popular so we will let you know as soon as we are taking bookings. Andy is a great speaker and his research will be extensive so come along with your friends and neighbours and learn things about Bampton that you didn't know!



Give As You Live— Some of you may already be signed up for Give As You Live, so will know all about it. For those who don't, the idea is that when you buy online, by first signing up with the group, and choosing a charity (hopefully BHVC), the charity then receives a small donation from the shop you purchased from. The best part is it doesn't cost you anything!

It's pretty simple to get started, if you search for their page they tell you how it works, just follow the simple explanation there and get started. Just remember if you are buying anything online to check on their site first to see if the shop you are buying from supports Give As You Live. Oh, and there's an App too! - <https://www.giveasyoulive.com/charity/crisisuk>

So please consider choosing BHVC as your chosen charity, as the ad says, every little helps!



The headlines from our Trustees meeting on Tuesday 26th July are:

- The PCC has submitted a full faculty application for repair to the heating system. This will be considered in due course, but it does therefore seem inevitable that it will still be many months before the repair can be completed. Trustees will be considering a winter plan at our next meeting.
- We have welcomed two new volunteers since the last newsletter. Julian Race who will be researching the Cosway painting in the north aisle above our information boards and Linda Middleton-Jones who will help us with our digital archiving project when we can get that started. We hope they will both be able to attend our coffee and chat sessions to meet everyone.
- Rachel and Alison have been working hard to source some new shop stock items for us. We will soon have a new coaster, a keyring, some new greetings card designs and a new bag with the same design but in a really striking new colour. Keep popping and you will see the new stock very soon.
- We have reviewed, updated and approved a range of our essential policies. These are available on the volunteer password protected page on the website. At our next coffee and chat session, we will take you through any changes.

News and views

Please share your news about Bampton and your views on BHVC and your new ideas. Why not think about adding to these newsletters? A short paragraph on something you remember, something you have seen in a heritage centre or museum somewhere else that you think might be good here would be great and be a welcome change to our usual content. Send a photo and some words to bamptonheritage@btinternet.com or drop it into the Centre.

Next Trustees meeting

6th September at 9.30am at Fivebee, Bouchier Close