

SOLIHULL COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE

MONTHLY REPORT

Month Ending January, 1988 Project Hobs Moat

Participants: Afro Carribean M 2 F Caucasian M 42 F 5
Asian M F Disabled M 1 F

Disciplinary Matters

Summarily Dismissed 1 Final Warning Letters 1
First Warning Letters Verbal Warnings 7

Project Progress (refer to EC2 (86) for the project)

Generally, January was an effective month for the project with progress being made with every aspect. For the archaeology team this was reflected in the finishing of trench HM6 and the steady bringing together of the contour survey, and in the continuous structuring of the archive. For the landscaping team delivery of materials at the end of the month - much delayed by events - led to a resumption of conservation works - still, however, very much ahead of schedule. Currently, over eighty percent of the moated area is in the process of restoration or has already been conserved.

During the month I gave talks to three societies - Solihull Arts Society, Solihull Young National Trust and Acocks Green Local History Society. The Mayor of Solihull also visited the site and a special presentation was ^{made} of the 'Domesday' plaque for the borough. The Mayor, his wife, Cllr. and Mrs Scammell, and representatives from the Ideal Benefit Society, and the Press, were then given a conducted tour of the site. Subsequently this received favourable coverage in local newspapers.

Difficulties experienced

None.

General Comments

Three employees gained employment of a permanent nature during the month - Messrs. Mitchell, Hopps and Hines.

The project continues to have a very high rate of employess gaining full-time permanent employment, or otherwise going on to receive further education.

It is also true that our employees continue to take very full advantage of training courses on offer from the Community Programme in Solihull.

Site/Placement Supervisor Signature

Date

Giles Lobrey

February 8th, 1988

SOLIHULL COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE

MONTHLY REPORT

Month Ending March, 1988 Project Hobs Moat

Participants: Afro Caribbean M 1 F Caucasian M 4 F 6

Asian M F Disabled M 2 F

Disciplinary Matters

Summarily Dismissed None Final Warning Letters 2

First Warning Letters 1 Verbal Warnings 1

Project Progress (refer to EC2 (86) for the project)

The archaeology team continues to perform well. Currently its work schedule is fully realised and output is in line with expectations. Presently the Final Report on areas HM1, 2 & 3 - excavated during 1985/86 - is under preparation and this will reach a publishable form by late April/May. It will appear in the Transactions of the Birm. and Warks. Arch. Soc. during 1989 Or 1990.

On the landscaping side of the project the situation is less satisfactory. At the beginning of the year this element was well ahead of schedule, but because of the materials' supply situation, never adequately organised by the Borough, it is now slipping behind schedule, and there is a serious possibility that works will not be complete by the end of the project year.

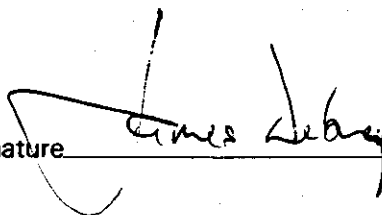
Difficulties experienced

As advised to T. Lewis, serious constructive thought about the future of the monument by Borough officers needs to take place now. To date, other than a fleeting visit by one officer, none seems to have taken place.

General Comments

The deterioration in ground cover on the western rampart system, and elsewhere on the monument, as noted in my recent memorandum, continues apace.

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Date March 31st, 1988

SOLIHULL COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE

MONTHLY REPORT : May 1988

Month Ending May 31st, 1988 Project Hobs Moat Project

Participants: Afro Caribbean M 1 F Caucasian M 40 F 7
Asian M F Disabled M 3 F

Disciplinary Matters

Summarily Dismissed 0 Final Warning Letters 1
First Warning Letters 0 Verbal Warnings 1

Project Progress (refer to EC2 (86) for the project)

Landscaping

April's delivery of materials allowed a considerable effort to be made during the month, bringing this aspect of the project more or less into line with the EC2 schedule. During the month the topsoiling of the earthwork was completed, a start was made on the path skirting the northern side of the monument, while the southern rampart was turfed.

Archaeology

The final report on the excavation of the scheduled parts of the site came closer to completion during the month. At the same excavation of the newly opened area HM5 proceeded satisfactorily. The archaeology team continued to function well.

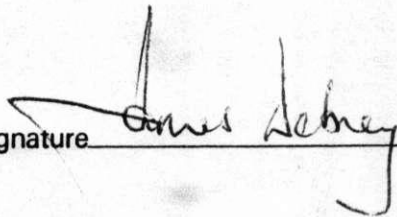
Difficulties experienced

None.

General Comments

One employee, P. McGuighan, gained full-time permanent employment during the month. The recruitment of replacement employees remained worryingly slow.

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Date

June 1st, 1988

SOLIHULL COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE

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Month Ending June 30th, 1988 Project Hobs Moat

Participants: Afro Caribbean M 1 F Caucasian M 39 F 5
Asian M F Disabled M 4 F

Disciplinary Matters

Summarily Dismissed 0 Final Warning Letters 0

First Warning Letters 2 Verbal Warnings 4

Project Progress (refer to EC2 (86) for the project)

Landscaping

The effort of April and May continued and by the end of the month this aspect of the project was up to schedule, and in some areas in advance. Currently the team is awaiting a delivery of limestone from the Borough to finish the path along the northern flank of the monument. When this is in place the work of the team for the project year will be almost finished.

Archaeology

The performance of the team continues well and is up to schedule. The trench HM5 is currently under excavation and this has shown unexpected archaeological features - possibly to be interpreted as a building. This will have to be investigated thoroughly during the Summer, and this may lead to some dislocation of work schedules.

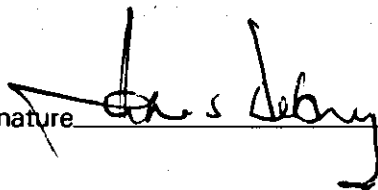
Difficulties experienced

None

General Comments

One employee, D. Hackney, gained full-time employment during the month and one, S. Tracey, entered full-time further education. Three left without permanent employment to go to, their contracts having expired.

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Date June 30th, 1988

SOLIHULL COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE

MONTHLY REPORT

Month Ending July, 1988 Project Hobs Moat Archaeology Project

Participants: Afro Caribbean M 1 F 1 Caucasian M 40 F 9
Asian M F Disabled M 4 F

Disciplinary Matters

Summarily Dismissed 0 Final Warning Letters 0

First Warning Letters 1 Verbal Warnings 2

Project Progress (refer to EC2 (86) for the project)

Landscaping

The work of the team as per the EC2 schedule is now almost complete, with the exception of the path along the northern perimeter of the monument. During the last week of the month the material for this, long awaited, finally arrived and the team is presently laying it out. Subject to the arrival of further materials (very debatable) the path will be completed during August.

Archaeology

The weather severely affected progress during the month - virtually no work was possible on the area H45. Work on the other trenches proceeded slowly.

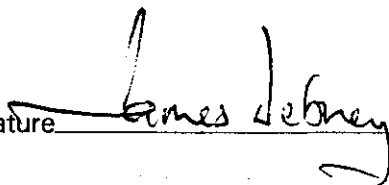
Difficulties experienced

None.

General Comments

Two supervisors, S. Steadman and J. McIlwaine, handed their notice in during the month. Both have jobs to go to.

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Date August 1st, 1988

SOLIHULL COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE

MONTHLY REPORT

Month Ending August 31st, '88 Project Hobs Moat

Participants: Afro Caribbean M____ F 1 Caucasian M 37 F 9
Asian M____ F____ Disabled M 2 F____

Disciplinary Matters

Summarily Dismissed 1 Final Warning Letters _____

First Warning Letters _____ Verbal Warnings 1

Project Progress (refer to EC2 (86) for the project)

Archaeology

An amelioration of the weather experienced during July allowed final works to be started on HM5 during the month. However, the loss of all four of the archaeological supervisors at the same time was difficult to sustain. As things appear presently the trench will be finished during September.

Landscaping

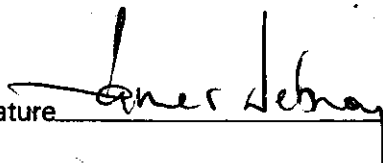
The traditional lack of interest in this aspect of the project by the borough remained manifest during the month. No further materials appeared to top dress the path along the northern perimeter of the monument and, consequently this retains an appearance of being simply unconsolidated 'aggregate'. Nevertheless, Difficulties experienced if officers are happy with it.....

With the Community Programme, none.

General Comments

The statistical figures at the head of this report mask the great loss of employees presently. During the month 5 persons obtained work, 6 persons were transferred and 1 person's contract expired. By the end of September the project will have attained its new establishment of 23 employees/trainees.

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Date August 31st, 1988

SOLIHULL COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE

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Month Ending 30. 9. 88 Project Hobs Moat

Participants: Afro Caribbean M F 1 Caucasian M 27 F 8

Asian M F Disabled M 3 F

Disciplinary Matters

Summarily Dismissed Final Warning Letters

First Warning Letters Verbal Warnings

Project Progress (refer to EC2 (86) for the project)

Landscaping

With the ending of the project under the Community Programme and the changeover over a period to EIT, the project has residual works to undertake - some site conservation, path improvement. These works were pursued during the month as the opportunity arose. Principally at this stage the team has been concerned with conservation.

Archaeology

Ditto for the Archaeology team. The trench HM5 is not yet fully excavated - and has become complicated by the discovery of unexpected features. The team is looking at these at the moment.

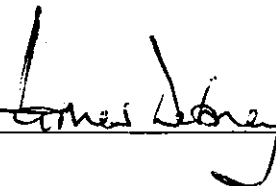
Difficulties experienced

Shortage of employees.

General Comments

During the month 10 employees left owing to contract expiry, 1 left having gained employment, 1 left for further education, and 1 transferred to EIT status at a location elsewhere.

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Date

October 3rd,
1988

SOLIHULL COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE

MONTHLY REPORT

Month Ending October, 1988 Project Hobs Moat

Participants: Afro Caribbean M ___ F ___ Caucasian M 10 F 2
As of
28.10.88 Asian M ___ F ___ Disabled M 1 F ___

Disciplinary Matters NONE

Summarily Dismissed _____ Final Warning Letters _____

First Warning Letters _____ Verbal Warnings _____

Project Progress (refer to EC2 (86) for the project)

Because of the steep decline in numbers of employees at present the Project is functioning at a low level of activity. The last archaeological trench, HM5, is approaching completion, and the landscaping team is relaying the top surface/dressing to the path along the northern perimeter of the monument. It is not possible to maintain the level of activity at this time of the year as in previous years and this is not being attempted.

Difficulties experienced

With the remaining employees/trainees, none.

General Comments

Because of the changeover to EP this project is no longer in 'curation' of the monument. This varies with the public statements of local elected representatives and borough officers.

11 employees left during the month.

Site/Placement Supervisor Signature

James Dekey

Date

28.10.88

SOLIHULL COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE

MONTHLY REPORT

Month Ending November 1988 Project Hobs Moat

Participants: Afro Caribbean M____ F____ Caucasian M 11 F 2
Asian M____ F____ Disabled M 1 F____

Disciplinary Matters

Summarily Dismissed None Final Warning Letters None
First Warning Letters None Verbal Warnings None

Project Progress (refer to EC2 (86) for the project)

During the month the Archaeology team reduced to a total of two part-time employees. Progress was maintained, however, and the excavation of trench HM5 was concluded. Currently it awaits backfilling, which will be undertaken during December.

The residual responsibilities of the Archaeology side of the Project now comprise the final presentation of the archive, the collation of some further material and the production and publication of the Final Report.

The Landscaping aspect to the Project continued with the laying of a further path on the north-east side of the monument. This is nearly finished.

Difficulties experienced

None.

General Comments

The winding down of the CP side of the Project is nearly complete and has been accomplished without undue difficulty. The remaining CP landscaping team (with trainees now) is of excellent quality and I shall be sorry when it is disbanded.

During November the number of trainees with the Project was 2.

Site/Placement Supervisor Signature

James Debeney

Date

7th December 1988