

Clun Town Trust – report to Annual Parish Meeting May 2025

The museum has had a successful year and is looking beautiful, matching the now beautiful exterior of the Town Hall following the recent renovations.

As part of the Grand Opening event of the Town Hall in April 2025 we were delighted to provide a tour of the museum for many visiting dignitaries including the Lord Lieutenant and the new High Sheriff.

In December 2024 we had a very enjoyable visit and tour of the museum by Viscount Clive, son of Lord Powis, who is an ex-officio trustee of the Clun Town Trust. This followed a pleasant visit earlier in the year by the then High Sheriff.

We have recently created two new displays: one of a fabulous blue butcher's smock and the other of a superb Victorian baby carriage, both items donated by Mary Ellis.

As part of the Town hall repairs grant, we been able to instal internal environmental improvement equipment, which helps us to maintain the humidity and temperature within appropriate limits for the collection.

We also received an approximately £4000 grant from Arts Council England for archive equipment. This includes an archival plan chest, which is now installed in the Map Room, enabling visitors to view our wide collection of local historic maps, previously inaccessible to the public.

In addition we are grateful to many volunteers who have supported us in creating an archive of the many historic documents, books and photographs, using the equipment from Arts Council England.

We remain very appreciative of all our stewards, without whom the museum could not function. We held a Stewards' Appreciation event in January, at which we said farewell and a huge thank you to Jane Kent on her retirement from the Trust after 20 years of service to it. We are very happy to welcome Angela Crafts as a new trustee.