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Pendle Heritage Centre update:

1. Displays: Mr. Pritchard has been photographing the now element of the project from a shortlist drawn up last month a meeting will take place on Thursday 13th October 2022, when the final selection will be made. The heritage Centres application for funding to the Area Committee will be considered on Wednesday 12th October so the Committee's decision will be known in time for the selection meeting. Once the final selection of pictures is made work can begin on the individual wording for the displays. The Heritage Centre have obtained a quote for the displays but additional costs can be minimised if text and some of the layout is done in house. It is envisioned that the displays will be in place before 18th January 2023.

2. Winter opening times: The Clerk received the following email from Elizabeth Moss:

Hello Iain

I am writing to you as one of Pendle Heritage Centre's valued stakeholders and a supporter of PHC to advise that we will need to make some temporary changes to the days PHC is open during the coming Winter.

As you will be aware, due to the current economic climate we are in very difficult and testing times for heritage centres and places for leisure time and hospitality. We are continuing to do all we can to keep Pendle Heritage Centre open to visitors as much as possible. As such we have been working through options for the coming Winter and are pleased to confirm that it will not be necessary to fully close Pendle Heritage Centre for a long temporary period of time or place any staff on temporary lay-off this year. There will however be some unavoidable changes over winter to the days Pendle Heritage Centre will be open, which will impact some colleagues and volunteers working arrangements. These changes are as follows:

Pendle Heritage Centre will open 5 days per week between November 2022 and March 2023. The Centre will close on Mondays and Tuesdays from Tuesday 1st November 2022 up to and including Tuesday 28th February 2023.

It is planned that Pendle Heritage Centre will return to a 7-day operation with effect from Wednesday 1st March 2023.

During the Christmas and New Year period PHC will close to the public on the following days: Sun 25th, Mon 26th and Tues 27th December, Sunday 1st Jan, Mon 2nd and Tues 3rd January.

Pendle Heritage Centre will close to the public for a 2-week period immediately after the New Year, with effect from Wednesday 4th January for an annual deep clean, routine maintenance and a refresh and will re-open on Weds 18th January 2023. This activity is common with heritage properties and will put the Centre in a really good place for a successful 2023 season.

We greatly value the support we receive from the Barrowford Parish community and hope you understand the reasons for our winter operating hours.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions regarding the temporary changes.

Kind regards

Liz

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The reduction in opening times will enable the Heritage Centre to run more efficiently and reduce overheads the proposed 2 week closing early in January will enable essential deep cleaning and decorating to be carried out during a normally quiet period.