

Frontiers of the Roman Empire World Heritage Site

Partnership Board Meeting

Friday 3rd July 2020

Zoom Meeting

13h00 – 15h15

Present: Jane Gibson (Chair), Jane Meek (Vice Chair), Andrew Birley (Vindolanda Trust), Steve Bishop (North Tyneside Council), Mike Collins (Historic England), Bill Griffiths (Tyne and Wear Archives and Museums), Richard Hingley (Durham University), Luminata Holban (English Heritage), Graham Kennedy (Allerdale Borough Council), Lorna Lazzarri (Northumberland National Park Authority), Andrew Mackay (Tullie House Museum and Art Gallery), Paul Marriott (Cumbria County Council), Andrew Poad (National Trust), Katie Read (Copeland Borough Council), Tania Robinson (South Tyneside Council), Janice Rose (Northumberland County Council), Andrew Rothwell (Newcastle City Council), Wendy Scott (Northumberland County Council), Christine Venus (Natural England), Duncan Wise (Northumberland National Park Authority)

Apologies: Sue Clarke (Cumbria Tourism), Alison Hatcher (Cumbria County Council), Sarah Mitchell (Copeland Borough Council), Andrea Selley (English Heritage), Pauline Wall (Northumberland National Park Authority), Nigel Walsh (Northumberland County Council),

In Attendance: Nick Henderson (Development Officer), Denise Hewitson (Administration Assistant) and John Scott (Management Plan Coordinator)

	Description	Action
1.	<p>Chair's Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>Jane G welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked those present for attending.</p> <p>Jane G introduced Luminata Holben to the Board who joined the meeting in Andrea Selley's absence.</p> <p>Jane G commented that she would never have predicted that when the meeting was arranged some months ago, the meeting today would be prior to the reopening of attractions after a pandemic.</p> <p>Apologies were noted for the Minutes.</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes from the Last Meeting on Friday 24th January 2020 and Matters Arising</p> <p>Members accepted the Minutes as a true record.</p> <p>Jane G pointed out that Matters Arising would be addressed as part of the discussion.</p>	
3.	<p>Partners' Update</p> <p>The Chairs of the Delivery Groups, Local Authorities and Organisational Members were asked by Jane G prior to the meeting to prepare four Bullet Points to present to the Group:</p> <p>Jane G felt that the meeting was important to keep each other up-to-date and a good platform to hear what is happening in everyone's world.</p>	

Jane G asked Steve B to commence with his report from North of Tyne Council:

Steve B informed the Board that they are currently focusing on the recovery of services. His bullet points follow below:

- Recovery – working across the cultural sector to plan for the phased re-opening of services on a Covid Secure basis, over the next three months
- Working with TWAM towards an opening date of 27th July for Segedunum, with a limited offer
- Hemingway Design Report on future options for Segedunum now complete and is part of the Council's Ambition for North Tyneside regeneration planning

Andrew R mentioned in his update that like colleagues in other local authorities, the focus in Newcastle over the last three months has been on securing, as far as able, the future of the cultural sector in the city and trying to help it through the Covid-19 pandemic. This has principally focussed on facilitating access to five principal sources of finance:

- Central government, through the Small Business Grants scheme; the Discretionary Grants Scheme; the Retail, Leisure & Hospitality Grants Scheme; the Job Retention Scheme and the Self Employment Income Support Scheme
- North of Tyne Combined Authority Capacity Fund. We have also been developing programmes which will enable cultural organisations to make themselves fit-for-purpose and fully functional when the lockdown is over
- Arts Council England Emergency Funding, for both organisations and individuals
- The Newcastle Culture Investment Fund, where the conditions on which both revenue and project grants have been awarded have been relaxed
- The local authority itself, through a variety of financial tools e.g. payment holidays on loans

We have been greatly assisted in the task by our Economic Development colleagues.

Tania R is also focusing on the recovery phase. She noted that this has been a really difficult time and hopes that there is help around the corner.

- Activity is now focused on service and business recovery. Working on a Town Centre and Visitor Economy recovery plan. This will include immediate emergency activity to support the visitor economy, in particular small accommodation providers and attractions. Many small accommodation providers are in a perilous financial state. The priority is to get bookings for August as they have had some cancellations from those not confident to travel.
- Arbeia opening on 27th July. Phase one will involve the Museum and Outside space only with the reconstructed buildings opening at a later point. Will be supporting with communication activity as concerned about potential footfall. Will those who like to go to cultural venues take a while to get confident in going out and about?
- Will be encouraging businesses to engage with the Visit Britain 'We're Good To Go' and also 'Know Before You Go' to manage customer expectations
- Encourage NELEP to support tourism through their recovery plan. Key thing is to encourage people to travel/get out and about but in a safe way. Major concern around indoor venues such as the Customs House Theatre who will need extra support to survive without the Christmas Pantomime.

Wendy S also expressed her mutual concerns that this has also been a difficult time.

- They have frontloaded grants so that organisations received money up front. Culture Northumberland has recently been established and has been extremely successful and sector led offering training opportunities.
- She has also been trying to bring theatres together with their Chairs and found that this opportunity can share intelligence, focusing on a Christmas

	<p>opportunity illuminating their buildings and sending out pre-packs to families and children to get them involved. This will ultimately bring people together.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The KTP has unfortunately been put on hold due to budget restrictions. If budgets look favourable, she is looking at submitting an application later in the year. • She also informed the Board that the North East Culture Partnership have introduced Thinking Webinars. Humphrey Welfare will be presenting Wall to Wall about connecting Hadrian's Wall to the Great Wall of China. <p>Jane G supported this and commented that it is marvellous that Humphrey is available to do this webinar and to represent Hadrian's Wall at an international level on Wednesday 15th July 2020. DH to circulate information to the Group.</p> <p>Katie R has been working to support their tourism and hospitality businesses throughout Covid 19, grant support, information provision, guidance prestart and reopening, destination recovery marketing campaign Western Lake District & Coast Tourism Group.</p> <p>She sat on LEP's Visitor Economy Planning Sub Group on behalf of Cumbria's Local Authority Tourism Officers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future High Streets – USP cycling, Velotel, electric bikes, bike storage Hidden Coast – Silecroft Café planning permission grant, Challenge event “Run the Edge” Lake District Coast announcement of 2021 date on 20th July, Coastal arts trail (artists long list) adrenalin feasibility study on the Chest and phase 2 Hidden Coast secured which links up Eskdale with Hardknott. • Tourism sector development programme – Develop an experiential hub in Ravenglass including e bikes hire“ ride you “electric chariot to the Roman fort” feasibility to create a roman spa attraction and digital enhancement. <p>They are looking for Borderlands to build on these initiatives to improve the cycling infrastructure, interruption and links to The Wall.</p> <p>Graham K is working on recovery plans and town deals.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recovery planning and implementation: tourism, events, markets and high streets • Extension of HW Cycleway, Allonby to Silloth section, completion in 2020/21 • Senhouse Roman Museum planning reopening but no date yet. <p>Jane M explained that a bid has been submitted by Carlisle City Council to Government for extra funding to bring projects quickly forward. She noted that she has been talking with civil servants to move this through the Green Book process. She mentioned that this has been positive in terms of Borderlands. This work has presented a good opportunity for Borderlands' Partners to let us get along with the work. Carlisle, part of Historic Cities, sent a letter to the DCMS pointing out that they need support along with other cities in this Group. This has been well received and comments have been reviewed at a recent Select Committee Meeting.</p> <p>Paul M, Cumbria County Council representing Alison Hatcher who sent her apologies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It's been business as usual in the Infrastructure Planning team, carrying on with projects to support the economy. In terms of Hadrian's Wall, in line with the SOBC, we are starting to look further at the Hadrian's Wall Cycling and Walking corridor, and develop proposals for the programme. • On the Cumbria side of the corridor, as a reminder, our ultimate aim is to have an off-road shared use route from Gilsland all the way down to Ravenglass, providing walking and cycling networks for different types of users, including long distance routes and family friendly loops; and also linking in visitor arrival points such as the railway stations on the Cumbria Coast Line and the Tyne Valley Line, and linkages to visitor attractions and places of interest. 	<p style="text-align: center;">DH</p>
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- So, we are starting to do further work, we've now done some further mapping work, of existing on-road and traffic free cycle routes, national cycle network, railway stations and visitor attractions.
- Next steps are: To begin to look at the requirements for an Outline Business Case for the HW Walking and Cycling Corridor
- I understand we would develop an OBC separately to Northumberland, but would align with their plans as part of an integrated cycling and walking programme. We'll need to identify the costs for an OBC, and identify potential funding contributions, and also engage and work with relevant partners.
- We will also ensure the work aligns with the See More Lake District project which also sits under Destination Borderlands, and the development of the Cumbria Transport Infrastructure Plan, which has just begun'.

Richard H informed the Group that they had met in a very well attended meeting on 7th February and have draft minutes that will be posted on the website when they have been agreed by the group. They have held off organising another meeting until after today's meeting. He provided the contents of his paper for inclusion in the minutes:

- Research Framework. Rob Collins and Mat Symonds submitted a bid to Historic England HE to produce a new Research Framework for the Wall which was produced in 2009. HE found the bid too expensive and has urged a digital publication grant to reformat the 2009 framework to their current preferred format/standard.

The members of the ARDG rejected this idea because research has moved on substantially since 2009, and it is vital not only to document these changes, but also draw attention to more current concerns and new challenges that have arisen in the past eleven years and, after all this is a World Heritage Site.

We DO WANT a new iteration of the Research Framework, and Rob at Newcastle is willing to take lead on an application and hosting of a project. We need to seek funding from elsewhere since HE cannot afford the type of publication that the ARDG needs to produce for our WHS. We would certainly aim to develop this in line with HE's guidelines.

- We have made some progress with the idea of the Archaeology Forum and the Networking meeting should be co-ordinated.

Andrew Birley and Rob Collins met with David Mason about this after the forum in February. David would welcome support in promoting and thinking of its future.

We had previously discussed in our DG meeting that aligning the Archaeology Forum with the Networking Day may not actually be best, as attendees cross-over, but can be quite different constituents. This is vindicated from this past year, when the Networking Day was held a week before the Forum.

The thing to consider with these going forward is who will host/fund the Networking Day post-WallCAP (from Feb 2022), which costs £3,000-£5,000 per annum (venue, catering, etc) and has traditionally be a complete free event to attendees.

- The HLF Wall Cap project has been running during Covid lockdown, but in an entirely digital capacity. Rob has directed a few aspects of the project – like data collation for GIS population; aspects of the stone sourcing and dispersal strand of the project.

We have also had a staffing change in two roles. Paul Frodsham, the Community Archaeologist, left the project in late March, and Nicky Garland, the Project Support Officer, also left the project in late March to pursue a post-doc more closely aligned to his research. We have been able to recruit and have appointed Dr Jane Harrison as our new Community Archaeologist (who joins us with 15 years experience in the same role but with Oxford's Dept of Continuing Education), and the advertising for the

Support Officer role closes this Friday. It is expected both new staff will start in Sept, which is also when we expect to be back on campus (rather than home working).

Rob Collins was unable to say yet when activities on the ground will be relaunched; we're hoping for October, and planning on doing work where we can still observe social distancing.

And finally, though it is feasible that further funding to support a project extension may be available (we won't know until Jan 2021 at earliest), the plan is to assume the project will finish on time and within budget in Dec 2021. To that end, we have adjusted our plan (in consultation with Lottery and Historic England) to deliver reduced numbers of sites related to Heritage At Risk.'

Andrew B commented that Richard H had covered the main topics, but it would be useful to meet as a Group more frequently moving forward.

Bill G commented that he has been working with the Learning and Interpretation Delivery Group.

- Arbeia and Segedunum open end July as they are our outdoor sites - rest phased in over August September. Key issues are ensuring safety of staff and visitors
- Much of my time spent in national Museum Development Meetings – discussing how best to support museum sector over Covid recover, and Bridge programme looking at how to support schools through the next academic year which will be anything but normal - and looks like a lot less site visits will be made
- Senhouse - They are having a meeting about reopening on Monday 6th July 2020 – current aim is to reopen in August
- Learning and Interpretation Group - The Group met at start of lockdown - key focus is the 1900th anniversary not least as we feel 2022 might be the first year the visitor economy gets to anywhere like business as usual so need the anniversary to really attract attention to the Wall.

There was a lot of interest during the Community ay at Carlisle just before lockdown - so we will need to harness community enthusiasm and really engage people.

Duncan W informed the Board that he has been chairing the Marketing and Transport Delivery Group Meetings on behalf of Sue Clarke who understandably has been very busy with Cumbria Tourism. He commented that it has been a pleasure to undertake this role. Communication is critically important to try and clarify this on the ground. The Group has managed well to share a lot of information and messages on social media.

Duncan W's provided his bullet points as follows:

- Superb collaboration between partners: From the outset and throughout this crisis, the members of the Delivery Group have been exemplary in ensuring a coordinated and open engagement process when re-opening their respective visitor sites and facilities, sharing best practice, knowledge and resolving issues in a constructive and positive manner.
- Great PR: John Scott and James Fell (even during furlough) and others in the group have maintained a clear and positive on-line presence for Hadrian's Wall WHS throughout, which is very much appreciated. Of particular mention is the amazing coverage by the BBC of Sonya and the Galloway family literally 'holding the fort' at Vindolanda, and using the opportunity to promote Hadrian's Wall to a huge audience during lock-down.
- The Bus is back! Great news about the reinstatement of the Hadrian's Wall Bus service AD122, which will commence on 4 July and run a daily service throughout the summer, based upon the 2019 timetable. We all need to use it and promote it as best we can.

- Resilient businesses: The input and support from the Heart of Hadrian's Wall Tourism Association has been very informative and helpful to all, as well as the announcement of new funding streams to aid business recovery, which have been disseminated rapidly to all via the forum. With the recent introduction of the VB 'Know Before You Go' and the 'We're Good to Go' schemes, many smaller accommodation businesses in the Association are now feeling more confident to re-open, with a flurry of bookings in the last few days.

He also briefed Partners that the NNPA have been re-opening sites since lockdown. Rangers have been out on Hadrian's Wall and that there has been a lot of collaboration working closely with the National Trust, English Heritage and Vindolanda, trying to create coherent phasing and messaging.

Jane G commented that she had attended a couple of Marketing and Transport Delivery Group Meetings and shares the passion that is expressed by people who are working hard along the Wall.

Lorna L provided her statement from the National Trail.

- We continue to be busy on the route and myself and our Trail Maintenance ranger have been working throughout Lockdown.
- Trail Ranger has been keeping an eye on things on the ground – initially dealing with signage and structure repairs at the start and has been full-time on the route since the middle of May. Seasonal grass cutting regimes are fully in place again following discussion and consent from the Highway Authorities.
- Volunteers are slowly coming back on to the route to support – strict H&S measures are in place for their safety.

She commented that Mike Jeffrey had retired at the beginning of May. He had provided a high level of support to the team for many years. The National Trail had sent their best wishes for his retirement, but they felt that a key iconic figure had been lost.

Neil Dawson has been appointed into this role who previously worked for Northumberland County Council's Field Teams. Massive support has been given to the team by Tim Fish, Trail Alignment Officer. Jane G proposed to send a thank you letter to Mike Jeffrey via the Northumberland County Council's offices on behalf of the Partnership Board.

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Christine V from the National Trail has been working on country stewardship applications working remotely on these going out. They have been focusing on getting back to going outside in exceptional circumstances. They are developing a nature recovery network programme which has good momentum, A hands on funding bid has been put together at short notice for habitats. She reminded the Group about the Countryside Code and how very important this is to access the countryside.

Andrew M provided his report from Tullie House. They are opening in a phased way on Wednesday 8th July 2020 with the café and gardens, then the temporary exhibition, Gallery and other parts of the museum. They are focusing on modelling similar to that in other European countries, such as in Germany and Spain on 30%/50%/75%. They hope to survive this difficult period, but Covid-19 will have a large impact into 2021 and 2022. They are currently reviewing how many staff to bring back off furlough.

He commented that they are working with Cumbria LEP and Cumbria Tourism to get messaging out for cultural organisations. He remained optimistic. The museum would be open to the public free of charge for one week only to assist in promoting social wellbeing. He paid credit and thanks to Jane M and Alison H for their support with the Tullie House SOBC which has been progressing very well.

Luminita H thanked Jane G for having her at the meeting. Andrea Selley provided the bullet points for the minutes:

- EH is standing to lose an estimated £70m of its annual income because of Covid. We have reduced our expenditure significantly by putting the majority of

our workforce on furlough and pausing projects, which has generated savings of around £40m. But we are still looking at a £30m net loss this year. Also, we will be feeling the impact of these cuts in the following years with so many capital projects on hold, and the 3-month extension we offered to members.

- The reduction in capital investment also means that we have had to pause our projects, and we will not know what the shape of future projects looks like until we are clear about any additional funding we have been able to secure from Government. Our funding for conservation works has been protected, however, so we are now to re-starting major conservation projects (including at Furness Abbey in Cumbria), are planning to spend £170k on minor maintenance conservation work across the Wall this year and recommence conservation repairs at Carlisle Castle.
- We re-opened six sites on 13 June and a further 41 sites on 4 July, including all of our sites along the Wall, using a pre-book only admissions system, which is working well. We expect to open the remainder of our sites on 1 August.
- As we were unable to host the normal Solstice event at Stonehenge this year we put on a live streaming event which was very successful, with more than 5 million views, 1 million comments on Facebook, and generated £40k in donations. We are hoping that this is a model we can use again and take to other sites.

Andrew B thanked partners for their comradeship during the pandemic and the excellent collaboration in information and support. It has been a heartening aspect of the horrendous situation we find ourselves in.

- Vindolanda, phased opening of site only has been running for 3 weeks with a visitor turnover of less than 10% of 2019 figures for three day a week only. From the 4th of July Vindolanda and Roman Army museum will be fully open with a capacity of up to 50% on pre-Covid19 to ensure social distancing. Time slots, PPE, and Covid-19 secure. We have modelled for no more than 40% for the remainder of 2020. Public reaction has been good and this has enabled us to smoothly bring back our staff and some volunteers in a gentle and progressive way.
- The Vindolanda Trust has lost just over 1/3 of its annual income due to Covid-19 at around £500,000. We expect that by the end of 2020 this will be closer to £900,000. The Vindolanda Trust successfully secured a loan of £300,000, however, it is a loan and has to be paid back.
- A positive of the Covid-19 pandemic has been a total upgrade of the Trust's webspace and digital output. This has been very well received and we will continue to fast forward progress here as have many other partners.
- Structural changes to the organisation have been made and will continue to be made to make it fit for purpose in the coming years and to recover successfully.

Andrew P remarked that the situation at the National Trust is a similar story to Vindolanda and English Heritage. He felt that talking to each other is effectively our recovery plan and hopefully this will continue.

The Wall opened in May. From the feedback received from landowners along the Wall, it has been reported to be the best lambing season due to fantastic weather conditions and no visitors in the area.

The visitor centre and toilets will reopen on Saturday 4th July 2020 at Housesteads. The National Trust re-opened properties from the end of May 2020, Wallington, Allenbanks and Gibside and trying to run on 30%. As confidence grows, they are working towards moving this up to 60% which is extremely positive. There was a steep drop at the beginning of lockdown but this has tailed off.

All projects are on hold. He also informed the Board that 200 roles are at risk across the country. Hilary McGrady revisited the strategy and is working on resetting the programme leaner and more flexible for the next two to three years so that this is fit for purpose.

	<p>The 125th birthday walk from Wallington to Langdale has been postponed, but he hoped that this can be restarted as the preparations have been made and can easily be picked up. He hopes that the work with the D6 international project will be moved into next year. He added that they have also been looking at Colonism and Post Colonism.</p> <p>Mike C updated the Board from Planning and Conservation. At the beginning of Covid-19, he did see a drop in the number of planning applications and monument consent. The number has recently peaked to 80% and shows that there is economic activity and planning along the Wall.</p> <p>A long standing excavation report has been finally published by Jim Crozier.</p> <p>He also commented that they are lucky to have not had to furlough members of staff, however, there is currently a recruitment freeze. Grant funding and skills related projects are extremely positive to Historic England. He added that they are gathering data on the heritage sector and preparing a case to Government as to how heritage can play an important role at this time.</p> <p>Jane G added that it is amazing to see the work in the communities along Hadrian's Wall and how this is demonstrated. It is also important to note how people have kept going within restricted timescales. A fantastic job accomplished by all.</p>	
4.	<p>Funding and Governance</p> <p>- Resilience Project</p> <p>A paper was distributed prior to the meeting focusing on the work undertaken by Nick H.</p> <p>Nick H re-introduced himself to the Board and highlighted the purpose of the NHLF Resilience Project and provided a more detailed update on the activities conducted as part of that project so far. He added that this paper will also cover Agenda Item 5 - Bids on Hold.</p> <p>Jane G proposed that the work completed by Nick H should form the basis of the agenda for the meeting in October as a lot of important projects, such as the Ambassador Scheme, Youth Ambassadors, Sponsorship, UNESCO School Programme and future funding amongst others need to be discussed in greater detail by the Board. Jane G to follow this action up with John S to flesh out the contents for the Partnership Board Meeting in October.</p>	<p>Chair/JS NH</p> <p>JG/JS</p>
5.	<p>Ten Year Investment Strategy</p> <p>- Borderlands Growth Deal</p> <p>Janice R apologised for her late arrival,</p> <p>It was discussed before lockdown that they were in the process of finalising the SOBC which they have now completed. An extremely collaborative approach by all involved. The SOBC was finalised on track to Government with no issues. The report provided a coherent and compelling narrative. They received a quick response from the DCMS with positive but generic comments. She added that they also ran projects in tandem with other parts of the Borderlands Growth Deal such as walking and cycling schemes.</p> <p>The next step is to prepare the OBC. The finalised SOBC gives them enough comfort to move into the OBC phase to focus on the main projects.</p> <p>There are shoots of recovery, although it has been a tough two or three months. A couple of months of planning may have been lost, but they have to explore and find ways of getting out of this situation.</p>	<p>Chair/JM</p>

Jane M added that the main points in the long term are looking good with the Borderlands initiatives being part of the recovery process, however, these fall under Government control and timescales.

Tania R asked Janice R about her best guestimate for Arbeia being part of this funding. Janice R felt that they may have more information in September probably October 2020.

She commented that drawing down the money will not be in this financial year, probably September 2021. Tania R commented that she will look at putting this into capital funding in October 2020.

Jane G also felt that there is the ability to bring communities to the forefront and make it their Wall. It is great to hear that plans are progressing and to remember that this is a ten year programme.

- **North of Tyne**

Wendy S felt that we need to repurpose the ideas of funding, for example, the Autumn Culture Creative Recovery Fund to bring the cultural sectors back on its feet and to help with the delivery rather than emergency funding. She also focused on the commissioning of the events as a 10 year programme and how we can manage this. Product development will be conducted with the DMOs and funds have gone into areas to support training developments for businesses to kick start the visitor economy.

Steve B added that £10M has been signed off for 10 years and that Hadrian's Wall is seen to be core to that funding, but at present taking a back seat due to Covid-19 and recovery.

- **HLF Projects on Hold**

Nick H, in his previous report to the Board under Agenda Point 4, explained that the NHLF bid 'Uncovering Roman Carlisle' and the Augmented Reality Project 'Uncovering the Wealth of Hadrian's Coast' are currently on hold. This latter project will form the basis of a NHLF bid when they reopen for applications. The Border Ramblers project unfortunately was not submitted as an application.

- **Update on Bid Activities**

Andrew B commented that The Vindolanda Trust will survive Covid-19 into 2021 and it is pressing ahead with its plans at Magna if NHLF unlock the application process in November.

Jane G noted that whilst activities have been paused. Covid-19, the environment and Black Lives Matter are front of all our minds, but we will build back better and stronger looking at projects differently in the years to come. The summer holidays will be interesting organisationally.

Katie R asked Partners to send any feedback to her about reopening so that she can escalate this to the LEPs and DMOs.

The local accommodation providers are starting to return to business in July August and September 2020. It is important to remember how important these businesses are along Hadrian's Wall.

6.	<p>Management Plan Update</p> <p>John S indicated that the current timescale to complete the Management Plan is still scheduled for initial consultation in September 2020. He added that he is working with Newcastle University and that a meeting is planned on Tuesday 7th July 2020 to see how we can fully offer a digitalised consultation process for as many people as possible, both at a national and international level.</p> <p>Mike C was happy with the Management Plan timescales. He commented that Richard H has provided comments to John S for review. The core documents have been agreed previously and the basic issues have not changed. Mike C to contact JS about the contents.</p>	<p>JS</p> <p>MC</p>
7.	<p>AOB</p> <p>Jane G commented that she will follow up the APPG after the summer holidays. It is important to move discussions forward with Steve B to support Mary Glendon, MP with this project. She felt that local elected members and MPs have been incredibly active. She passed on her thanks to the Politicians for doing such a great job during this period and keeping Hadrian's Wall in the front of their minds.</p> <p>John S also passed on his thanks to Pauline Wall who was not present at the meeting for her support with the Partners Communications Meetings. She has been extremely instrumental in moving these meetings forward.</p> <p>Jane G informed the Board that John S will be getting married on Saturday 11th July 2020. Partners congratulated him and sent their best wishes to him.</p> <p>It was agreed by all that Partners are happy to proceed with a meeting on Friday 4th September 2020.</p>	
8.	<p>Dates of Next Meetings</p> <p>Friday 4th September 2020 from 13h00 – 15h00 via Zoom Friday 16th October 2020 from 13h00 – 15h00 via Zoom</p>	