

WICK PARISH COUNCIL

NEW HOMES BONUS - WICK HISTORY TRAIL – PHASE 2

Wick has £3,106 of New Homes Bonus money left which needs to be used up by the end of March 2021. Any unallocated funds after this date will be put into a much larger Community Legacy Grant fund.

The parish council has considered other options – some of which would not comply with the criteria for use of NHB, with the emphasis being ‘*to create a lasting legacy for the community*’. Some of those that have been ruled out will be something that the parish council will consider at future meetings.

It should be remembered that the protocol and criteria for access to the money is limited with strict guidelines and there are certain restrictions on what it can or can't be used for. More information can be found on the Wychavon District Council website:

<https://www.wychavon.gov.uk/community-and-living/new-homes-bonus>

Due to the success of the newly installed History Boards, it was agreed that we expand on this project as follows:

- Creation of a digital copy of a vast photograph collection
- Compiling a digital copy of documents with historic significance to Wick
- To create a digital copy of a historic map of Wick held at Westminster Abbey (*which has a historic connection to Wick*)
- The purchase of additional aerial photographs
- IT costs – hosting fees of the Wick History website for a further 5 years, costs for loading all documents onto the website and the creation of a ‘Contact Us’ page
- Matting – to be placed in front of the History Boards to protect the verges.
- To expand the website with an education aspect aimed at Key Stages 1 & 2 children, and to encourage an interest in local history – to be available to local schools.

We only have a short period of time to get the application form into Wychavon District Council. If you have any **strong objections** to the parish council using the funds in this way, please contact the clerk on 01386 552233, or write to the clerk at the address given on the letter or by email clerk@wickparishcouncil.co.uk by the 15th March.

Thank you.

Lynne Yapp
Clerk