

## More News from the Mellor Heritage Project



The first, and main, reason for this Newsletter today is to draw your attention to the need to publicise our Open Day to the maximum extent possible. Please distribute our Flyer in all directions. Some of you of course are digging and will already be doing so, but hopefully you won't mind the reminder! Apologise to those who already have all the details!

The volunteers worked very hard in the first couple of weeks and already there are mesolithic flints and pieces of Roman pottery. Many features (post holes and gullies) are showing up too.

A copy of the Flyer for the Open Weekend is enclosed. Please make good use of it - many thanks!

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Now to tell you about more Awards:

### **1. NATIONWIDE COMMUNITY AND HERITAGE AWARDS**

#### **Nationwide Building Society in association with the Heritage Lottery Fund**

Two weeks ago at the Lowry Ann Hearle became the 'Heritage Hero' for the North West. She will go forward as a National Finalist to the Tower of London in November.

She had been invited as a finalist, but was worried because she received two letters, one saying she had not been successful. The other that she was a Community Champion. The ceremony went through all 18 awards, 3 x 3 for community group, young person and individual and 3 x 3 for heritage without Ann being called up. Then she was called up to receive the award as Heritage Hero.



As part of the award a cheque for £500 goes to the charity of her choice and she receives £250 of retail vouchers. Each winner or group also received a plaque.

## **2. The SANDFORD AWARDS for HERITAGE EDUCATION**

Marie Widger reports that our Project received confirmation in Mid July of a Sandford Award. The Awards are made annually and are non competitive, recognising quality and excellence in the educational services and facilities at a site, as specified in the criteria laid down by the Trust: The awareness of and adherence to the statutory requirements of the appropriate national curricula; An interpretation of the property that contributes to raising the awareness of the understanding of the local and national heritage; Evidence of good liaison between the property and appropriate educational establishments; How well the educational potential of the property is being developed; Provision of relevant educational resources; Availability of the necessary domestic facilities; Provision of additional facilities.

The Sandford Award Scheme is like a Kite Mark and currently encompasses over 150 historic sites within the historical and cultural environments of the United Kingdom and Ireland and includes historic houses, museums, galleries, cathedrals, gardens and historic artefacts. Go to [http://www.heritageeducationtrust.org.uk/het\\_ssi/awards.shtml](http://www.heritageeducationtrust.org.uk/het_ssi/awards.shtml) to be massively impressed with the illustrious company we find ourselves in, such as Attingham Park, Shropshire; Jane Austen's Hous & Chawton House Library; Sentry Hill Historic House and Visitor Centre, County Antrim; St. Fagans: National History Museum, Cardiff, to name just a few.

Mellor is the only Community Project to have won a Sandford Award. Well done Marie and well done the Mellor Heritage Project!

In fact, the Subtitle for the Newsletter could have been: Mellor just keeps on gaining more Awards!

Follow Ann's progress in November at

[http://www.nationwide.co.uk/about\\_nationwide/community\\_and\\_environmental\\_affairs/nationwide\\_community\\_and\\_heritage\\_awards/default.htm](http://www.nationwide.co.uk/about_nationwide/community_and_environmental_affairs/nationwide_community_and_heritage_awards/default.htm)

Enjoy the rest of your Summer - The Open Weekend is coming soon!

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