

Trustees Annual Report Apr 2022- Mar 2023

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Fundraising

Major grants obtained to enable refurbishment of the former substation, full survey of site and buildings to be undertaken and lighting scheme for the 1873 building to be developed.

Work parties Tues & Fri mornings

Ongoing maintenance of grounds and site.

Providing written information about Sandfields Pumping Station for interested individuals in the form of a booklet.

Other

Point of contact and enquiries role for South Staffs Water Archives.

Given talks about History of Sandfields and South Staffs Water & John Robinson McClean

Major projects

* removal of transformers, concrete plinth and floor tiles laid. This area now being used for preparing refreshments.

* restoration of the Victorian pumping engine. Removing surface rust and applying protective covering. Restoration of the Westing House Control.

* Started restoration of the Bamford portable engine (donated by South Staffs Water)

* making a wildlife pond in our wild flower meadow.

Opening up Sandfields Pumping Station

* Two family open days – June 2022 and March 2023. Opportunity for people to see the amazing historic building and engine and learn about the history of providing clean water to the Black Country.

* Celebrating 150 years since the starting of the Cornish Pumping Engine World Water Day – family open day with water themed activities and visiting groups. Sponsored by South Staffs Water Company.

* Tours for group visits

* Four concerts held at Sandfields