

BANK HALL ACTION GROUP

*Working to save the historical home of
Bank Hall, Bretherton, Lancashire*

The enclosed is a documentary record of the
activities of the group to
November 2009



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The Group was started in July 1995 under the auspices of Heritage Trust for the North West and in the period since then has been very active in promoting the project, which is primarily to save the building: "Bank Hall" at Bretherton in Lancashire. The Building is a Grade Two* Listed Building which includes an unusual Clock Tower. Originally owned by the Banastre family, the then "Lords of the Manor" ownership eventually passed to the Lilford family.

The activities of the Group not only involve them in fund raising events but also in the preservation and conservation of a site of approximately 18 acres, the research and collation of information on Bank Hall, the families that owned the Hall and the retrieval and preservation of any remaining artifacts. The group also promotes their activities and the need to preserve the Hall through Open Days, Illustrated Talks, the media and through other publications. The site is also available and is used for Educational purposes and in this connection several groups have already attended.

In the period since the year 2000, some 20,000 Visitors are listed in the Visitors Book but the number of visitors will have exceeded this as frequently visitors come and go on days when the grounds are not officially open.



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INTRODUCTION

(By Geoff Coxhead in consultation with Diana Tuson)

It must have been sometime around the mid 1980's when a corner of the Prospect Tower at Bank Hall had fallen away and a plantation of trees had recently been planted at the front of the Hall.

Jack and Pat Curran, a couple from nearby Leyland stood in amazement looking over a locked gate topped with barbed wire. They stood next to a sign which read: "UNSAFE BUILDING - KEEP OUT - BY ORDER"

Jack and Pat enjoyed walking, the countryside, history and historic places. Both had sensitivity for pictures and the picturesque. Jack was a keen photographer, Pat an amateur artist. They had walked along the drive to Bank Hall several times before but had always turned back, deterred by the signs warning off trespassers. On this occasion, however, their curiosity had taken them all the way to what lay at the end of the avenue, the avenue that so intrigued Pat and now she could hardly believe what she saw beyond the barbed wire barrier. What she saw was a huge house, a Jacobean stately home of brick and stone with curvaceous Dutch gables, rank after rank of soaring chimneys and rising above the chimneys a great square tower ornamented with strange stone figures.

The house stood empty in a sea of shoulder-high weeds. Half the building was covered with thick ivy, its tendrils creeping across the huge front doors in order to repel anyone wishing to enter. The scene was romantic and ruinous, beautiful and mysterious and Pat was deeply touched by its obvious plight.

At the first opportunity Pat contacted her daughter Diana who was living in Preston at the time, to tell her about the special wonderful place, urging her to go and see for herself.

When Diana saw the hall it had an even stronger impact on her than on her mother. Diana recalls:

"I had never seen anything like this building before"

She had glimpsed the top of the tower above the trees several times before as she passed by on the nearby main road but had mistaken it for a church, as many others have done.

Throughout the next decade Diana was drawn back to the site many times wondering why nothing was being done to restore the hall. She naturally assumed that something must be happening behind the scenes to save the building, but as the years went by the realization came that nothing was happening. There were so many questions:

What was this extraordinary building ?
 What was its history ?
 Who owned the building ?
 Why was it empty and derelict ?
 Where there any plans to save it ? (Surely there must be)
 She decided to find some answers.

Diana's first action was to consult the English Heritage Buildings at Risk Register. Her fears were confirmed when she read:

"It would seem that no active steps are being taken to do anything with the house. For further information contact: Chorley Borough Council, Council Offices, Gillibrand Street, Chorley"

Diana then telephoned the Council and spoke to Philip Godwin, the Conservation Officer, who told her that a large file existed at the Council offices on Bank Hall containing numerous letters from other concerned members of the public. Diana got the impression that he seemed quite keen that something should be done to save the building. Diana also spoke to Ian Bond, the Planning and Conservation Officer and she made an appointment to consult the file. Diana in fact visited twice, taking notes and photocopies yet still only had time to see about half the contents. This experience made her more convinced than ever that something must be done to save the hall. She then wrote dozens of letters, writing to everyone whose name appeared in the file.

Diana also visited Chorley and Leyland libraries in search of more information, consulted local historian Jack Smith and attended a meeting of Chorley Historical Society. She then started writing to relevant organisations and during 1995 she wrote to English Heritage, SAVE Britain's Heritage, The Mayor of Chorley, Chorley Borough Council, The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB) and The National Trust.

As a result of this correspondence, Diana was invited to a meeting with Alan Croston, Deputy Director of Technical Services at Chorley Borough Council. She was accompanied by Anthony Grimshaw, an Architect and a local member of SPAB. Dominic Lockett, the Northern Officer for SPAB was also particularly helpful in these early days with advice and encouragement.

Although Diana was learning about the circumstances surrounding Bank Hall she was becoming frustrated as it was becoming obvious that nothing was actually being done to change the situation.

The fact was that negotiations over the fate of Bank Hall had reached an impasse years before. All proposals by Lilford Estates (the owners) concerning new uses for the hall had been refused by Chorley Borough Council and the owners had also been refused planning permission to demolish the building as it is a Grade Two* Listed Building. As a result the subject of Bank Hall had become a very sensitive issue. A lot of bad feeling

had been created between the owners and the local authority. A fresh approach, a new initiative was needed to break the deadlock. Diana realised that if Bank Hall was ever to be saved she would have to make it happen herself.

It was time to contact the press !

Diana contacted the Chorley Guardian and spoke to reporter John Quirk. Diana had struck lucky as John was the right journalist in the right place and at the right time. Having a love for historic buildings himself and intrigued by what he had heard, John Quirk went to see Bank Hall for himself. He was hooked.

John knew a good story when he saw it and the idea of a press campaign to save the hall was a superb opportunity that caught his imagination. At this time Diana needed a break and took a well earned holiday and in her absence John got to work on a series of articles which would develop into the "SAVE BANK HALL Campaign" which appeared in both the Chorley and Leyland editions of The Guardian. He highlighted the plight of the hall, asked for the comments of the public and acted on their suggestions.

Diana returned to find her favorite building was front page news, that the "Bank Hall Action Group" had been formed and that the first meeting had already been arranged.

That first meeting took place on Wednesday 26th July, 1995 at The De Trafford Arms in Croston.

Diana's determination had inspired others to become involved in her vision of a restored Bank Hall. She had made people believe that it was possible and something worth fighting for and when this dream comes true it will be thanks to many people but especially Diana.

(John Quirk's articles in the Leyland Guardian in July, 1995 follow)

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News

Death knell?

BANK Hall, in Bretherton, is a house steeped in history and tradition.

Its high square tower contains an original oak staircase and the peacock room on the first floor features a 17th century fireplace with a peacock carved into the chimney.

And with the mansion and its exquisite formal gardens joined to the village by the beautiful tree-lined Carriage Drive, the Jacobean-style house was at one time a sight to behold.

But as the 20th century draws to a close, Bank Hall is under threat.

Once the pride of Bretherton, the house lies overgrown and empty - an eerie spectacle of its former self.

The formal gardens are now wild and the grade two listed building is slowly decaying.

The rich history of Bank Hall dates back to the 13th century when it was the home of the Banastres family, but the present house, a red brick Jacobean mansion, was built in 1608.

The building, which is two and a half storeys high and features Flemish style gables and a high square tower,



er, was restored and enlarged during 1832-33.

The Banastres lived in Bank Hall until 1890 when the estate passed to the Fleetwood family.

The present owners, the Liffords, took over the estate in the latter stages of the last century, but with the current Lord Lifford living in Jersey, the decaying house has lain empty for more than 20 years.

During the Second World War, Bank Hall was used as a transit camp and, apart from

an estate office in one of the wings, it was abandoned at the end of the war.

In the late 1960s, Lord Lifford's agents were granted permission to convert the house into a country club and golf course, but withdrew their application when Chorley Borough Council refused permission for the golf course.

The Hall was threatened with demolition in the early 1970s, but was granted a stay of

execution after conservationists called for it to be saved at any cost.

But with each passing year the decay takes its toll and it may be just a matter of time before one of the area's most beautiful historic homes is a ruin.

● Do you think Bank Hall should be saved? Ring us with your views on our 24 hour hotline on 01257 264911 during office hours, or 01257 264901.

LEYLAND GUARDIAN

19 JULY 95

News

News

We must save our old homes

LOTTERY grants, voluntary workers, council or National Trust action and restoration to a stately home are among solutions put forward by our readers following last week's article on Bretherton's historic Bank Hall.

The Grade Two listed building, which is owned by Jersey resident Lord Lifford, is slowly decaying, and unless action is taken soon, it is thought the beautiful building may become a ruin.

Mrs Winnie Spina has lived in Chorley for 64 years and wants to see Bank Hall opened to the public.

"It's such a beautiful building in an exquisite setting - we should be saving these homes, not neglecting them," said Mrs Spina.

"With help from the National Trust and volunteers it could be opened like Astley Hall, and the public could go along and share its beauty."

Carol Anne Strange of Leyland agrees.

She said: "Bank Hall should be saved, restored and perhaps designated as a wildlife sanctuary or conservation centre."

"It seems futile to let part of our Lancashire history to fall into ruin."

"If it does, it won't be long before the powers that be demolish it and build a road through it."



UNDER THREAT? Bank Hall at Bretherton is a hall that should be saved, according to our readers.

"It would be interesting to know the views of the current owner regarding its future. Would Lord Lifford like to see it fall to ruin?"

"I wonder if an action group could be set up and volunteers found to restore it, because, unfortunately, unless one of us wins the Lottery, there's not a great deal any individual can do."

Mrs E Wright, of Chorley, thinks it should be saved at any cost and called for action from both Lord Lifford and Chorley Borough Council.

"It is obviously the owner's responsibility but the council could go some way to help

restore it," said Mrs Wright.

And Mrs Spencer, a Chorley resident for more than 50 years, believes that the country as a whole is forgotten when it comes to restoring old buildings.

She said: "The history's sake it needs to be saved, but Lancashire is always ignored."

"If Bank Hall was in the south east of England, you can be sure it would have been saved by now."

CHORLEY Borough Council wants to see the future of the historic hall secured - but is anxious that local taxpayers should not foot the bill.

It says the hall should be preserved as an important part of our heritage, but cannot be drawn into committing council cash to the venture.

John Taylor, director of technical services, said: "The council gave permission in 1974 for the building to be used as a country club in an effort to support a new use appropriate to the location."

"Conversion to flats has since been recommended to the owners and there are probably other suitable uses to which a restored Bank Hall could be put."

Mr Taylor said that while the main respon-

sibility for the upkeep of a listed building is with the owner there are laws which allow a council to intervene.

"Grant aid from outside heritage bodies can be available but is no means guaranteed and I would not wish council taxpayers to be saddled with a major financial liability."

Mr Taylor added that he would welcome any proposals from the owners or prospective buyers as long as they were suitable to the basis of a joint approach with the council.

"I am happy to discuss this approach at any time with any interested persons or bodies," he said.



BRIGHT FUTURE?: Bank Hall will have if the action group have their way.

Bid to save historic hall

Action group meets tonight

A DESPERATE bid to save an historic house is being launched tonight by an action group of Guardian readers.

They are determined that Bank Hall at Bretherton, which is falling into ruin, should be restored to its former glory.

Bank Hall dates back to the early 16th century but its current owner, Lord Lilford, lives in Jersey and it has lain empty for more than 20 years.

After highlighting the plight of the hall, the Guardian has now brought together residents from Chorley and Leyland who are teaming up in an attempt to save Bank Hall from being lost forever.

Gordon Johnson has lived in Bretherton for more than 40 years and says he has watched the building crumble before his eyes.

Bank Hall has been deteriorating ever since I moved to the area, but the situation has become drastic over the last two years.

If urgent action is not taken this beautiful old building will be gone.

"We've formed the action group because we want to try to force the issue."

"At this stage we're not sure what is the best way to approach the situation, but the meeting tonight should clarify that."

"But we do know we will try everything and anything to save Bank Hall."

The group's initial investigations led them to Architectural Heritage, whose Press officer Barbara Wright offered some signs of light at

the end of the tunnel.

"We can help the group set up a charitable trust to raise money for the restoration of the building," said Barbara.

"Our development officer can give advice on how to get established and put the group in touch with any interested parties, while we also offer grants for a feasibility study which will look at viable uses of the building if it is restored."

And the regional National Trust office has expressed an interest in the group's thoughts about Bank Hall.

Tony Berry, from the NT, said: "We are looking at potential acquisitions all the time, but we do have three criteria governing what we would consider."

"The first is the national or outstanding local importance of the building."

"Then we must be satisfied that the building is actually under threat."

"The final criteria is that we have the funds available to acquire it and cover the maintenance costs."

"We are a charity and we must be sure that any money spent on new acquisitions does not detract from maintaining our other sites."

Lord Lilford's agents, Ackland Bracewell in Besseth Bank, were unavailable for comment.

Anyone interested in joining the action group should come along to De Trafford Arms in Skelton Road, Chorley, at 8pm tonight, Wednesday, July 26.

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 The Guardian
 Chorley Office

GROUP ACTIVITIES

The Group is not only raising funds by holding a variety of Events but is also actively involved with Conservation, Preservation, Research, Promotion and the provision of Information to the General Public.

The Activities of the Group are as follows :-

Monthly Meetings of the Group
 Group visits to the Hall
 Bank Hall Presentations
 Photographic Record
 Archive of Press Cuttings
 Conservation and cataloguing of Artifacts
 High Profile publicity campaign
 Bank Hall Website – www.bankhall.org.uk
 "Tower Times" – The Chairman's Annual Newsletter.
 Bank Hall News Sheet – Quarterly News Sheet
 Creation of a Visitor Centre
 Grounds Maintenance
 Snowdrop Research, Recording & Conservation
 Care of Specimen Trees
 Planting of new Specimen Trees
 Site Archaeological location and investigation
 Million Pennies Appeal
 "Moment in Time" Appeal Project – Launched March 2008
 Fund Raising and other Events

EVENTS

This list of Events shows the extent to which the Group has undertaken fund raising activities. A number of these events have been repeated on a yearly basis.

Barbecues	Snowdrop Days
Hoe Downs	Daffodil Days
Lawn Mower Racing	Bluebell Days
Easter Egg Trail	Rural Crafts
Lancashire Day (Folk Event)	Family Fun Day with
Blues Concert	Teddy Bears Picnic
Folk Music	Heritage Open Days
The Savoy Jazz Men Concert	Vintage Car Rallies
Tarleton Brass Band Concerts	Pre-Halloween Events
The Elizabethan Singers Concert	National Tree Week
The Capricco Singers Concert	Forties Day (2008)
Farriery & Blacksmith Demonstrations	Outdoor Theatres
Stone Masonry Demonstrations	
Birds of Prey Demonstrations	

Also

- The "Halls of Lancashire" – Illustrated talk by Stephen Sartin
- The Sealed Knot – Civil War Living History Weekend (*funded by Awards for All*)
- Open Air Shakespeare - "As You Like It" (*funded by Awards for All*)
- Open Air Shakespeare – "The Merchant of Venice"
- Otringehelr – Viking Re-enactment
- Yew Day – November 2004 to celebrate 10 years of The National Lottery.
- Bank Hall Theatre Workshops for Schools (*funded by Awards for All*)
- Bank Hall Music Workshops for Schools (*funded by Awards for All*)
- Outreach Education Initiative by B.H.A.G. – Summer 2001 for Bretherton, Tarleton, Much Hoole & Mere Brow Primary Schools.

Offsite Events have included :-

An Aromatherapy Evening
 A Car Boot Sale
 Presentation & Fund Raising at Hoole Country Fair
 Presentation & Fund Raising at Bretherton Fun Day
 Sponsored Walk & Sponsored Haircut
 Bank Hall Presentations

BANK HALL ARTIFACTS

The Bank Hall Action Group is active in recovering and preserving various items from the Hall and Grounds. Members of the group have collected these over a number of years and continue to do so. One of our members has been documenting and recording these items and where possible preserving them.

The Visitor Centre fire on the 20th January, 2007 caused much smoke & water damage to many of the items stored in the Centre and these have now had to be further attended to. Some items have been damaged but not significantly. As far as is known, only 1 item was lost in the fire and in this respect we are grateful to the Fire Brigade for their speedy response and the way that they moved various items. Many items will now be stored off site for the time being.

Well over 100 items are now recorded and these include various pieces of wood and panelling from the Hall, some construction materials and fittings and a variety of other items.

Sadly some of the larger items that cannot be stored by the group under cover are deteriorating. These include two Hay Carts, two Ploughs and the remains of the Clock.

The following list is just some of the many items that have been retrieved for future preservation and display.

Lionel Taylor (Group Archivist)

Allocated item Reference

Remains of the Clock from the Prospect Tower	
Two Hay Carts	
Farm machinery (including 4 ploughs)	
Blacksmiths Bellows	
Fire Bucket	
Metal Window frames	
Samples of window glass	
Brass window fastenings	G/0026
Brass curtain-rail bracket	G/0031
Wooden fireplace surround from east wing	
Delph tiles	
Wallpaper sample	
Front Doors	
Two keys	G/0021
Remains of Hall bell system	G/0042
Wooden Lions Head from staircase	G/0028
Cellar Door & Internal Doors (Various)	
Half a face (concrete) from front porch	G/0033
Plasterwork :-	
❖ Rose from the Dining Room	G/0025
❖ Fleur-de-lisle from Entrance Hall	G/0022
❖ Rams Head	G/0043 & 45
❖ Fragments of Roses	G/0039/40
❖ Numerous other fragments of plasterwork	Various
Belfast Sink	

Cast Iron Rain Hopper	
Cast Iron Maidens Bust from The Lodge, Bank Bridge Entrance	
Rams Head (Concrete) found under the Lime Walk	G/0024
Clay pipes	G/0005 & G/0012
Lead pistol shot (Remains of Collection)	G/0069
Various bottles & jars found in the grounds	Various
Glass bottle fragments, 18 th & 19 th & 20 th Century	Not numbered
Pottery & Glass fragments from UCLAN Archaeological dig.	
Numerous fragments of terracotta flowerpots	Not numbered
Garden path edging tiles	Not Numbered
Metal plaque commemorating tree planted by Lady Lilford in 1897	G/0004
Wooden Doorknob	G/0013
Other Wooden doorknobs	G/0014-16
Brass light switch & Socket	G/0032
Sash Window Weights	M/0019-M/0021
Stair Case Spindles	M/0024, 25 & 29
Letter Books (Estate Manager)	G/0029 & G/0071
Account Books (Estate Manager) 0074	G/0072-G/
Buckles (Collection)	G/0059

More Recent Finds

T & F.J.Taylor of Newport Pagnell – Bottle (Complete) – C. 1840/1870 - Found in garden at Bank Hall Barns by David & Margo Isherwood & donated to the Group.	G/0083
Date Stamp – Buried in the grounds and thought to have been last used by the Army – Date last used when disposed of was August 1946	G/0085
Small Cog Wheel from Clock Mechanism Found 24/5/2008 by John Howard	G/0092

(List prepared and edited by Lionel Taylor, BHAG Archivist)

FUND RAISING PROJECTS

Million Pennies Appeal

John Howard, a member of the Group launched our Million Pennies Appeal" in August 2006. The funds raised from this Appeal will help with the displays in the public areas of the Hall once it has been restored. This Appeal is ongoing and to date has raised over £1,050.

This appeal is to be closed off in the current financial year and further information will be included in the next edition.

A Moment in Time A Moment in Time

"Moment in Time" Appeal

This Appeal was launched by Lionel Taylor in March 2008 and is designed to raise funds over a 2/3 year period for the restoration of the Clock Faces on the Tower and the preservation of the remains of the original Clock Mechanism. There are two elements to this project – Individual Sponsorship of a "Moment in Time" and the sponsorship of each set of Roman Numerals on the Clock Face on the north facing side. To date 4 sets of Roman numerals have been sponsored and in this regard our thanks are due to the University of Central Lancashire (Anthropology Department & Archaeology Department), James Buckley, Brighthouse Wolff (Solicitors) and Lionel Taylor.

As at the 31st October, 2009, £1,460 has been raised.

More sponsorship for the Roman Numerals is sought as is individual sponsorship of a Moment in Time. Sponsorship of the Roman Numerals can be split between different companies, organisations or individual people.

GROUPS WHO HAVE VISITED THE HALL

As referred to in the activities above the group receives requests from other groups to visit the Hall. Groups that have visited are as follows:-

Alpine Garden Society
 Association of North West Heritage Trusts
 Bamber Bridge Junior Rangers
 Bill & June Esselmont and Friends –
 Coach party from Sutton Coldfield – (21/02/2007)
 Burnley & District Gardening Group – (17/02/2008)
 Clitheroe Gardening Club – (06/02/2009)
 English Heritage Buildings at Risk Register Launch
 Formby U3A Local History Group – (15/02/08)
 Friends of Lancashire Museum - (09/07/2007)
 Friends of West Lancs. Heritage Association
 Heritage Trust for the North West Trustees
 Hurst Grange Park Group, Penwortham – (25/02/2007)
 Lancashire Archaeology Society
 Lancashire County Council Walk Past 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 & 2009
 Lancaster University - Extra-Mural Class
 Liverpool University Adult Education Students
 Longton Brickcroft Watch Group
 Longton Lifelong Learning Group
 Much Hoole St. Michael's Primary School
 New Longton Artists
 Newton-le-Willows Church Outing
 Owls Walking Group
 Rebecca Freear's Art Class
 Rosemary Stansfield's Art Class
 South Ribble Rambling Association Walking Group
 Southport Civic Society
 Southport Women in Business
 Southport Women Growing Old Disgracefully
 Tarleton Primary School
 The Snowdrop Group of the Cottage Garden Society – (17/02/2007)
 West Coast Arts
 West Midlands Snowdrop Group – (21/02/08)
 Worker Education Association – Local History Group
 Lancashire Branch – (20/05/2008)

FURTHER EDUCATION

The Group has facilitated work by individual students as part of their degree programmes including links with **The University of Central Lancashire** to enable academic departments to use the grounds of Bank Hall for a variety of undergraduate and post graduate studies.

- Faculty of the Built Environment
- Earthworm Study - School of Natural Resources
- Media Studies DVD - **Bank Hall Action Group**
- Photography – Year 1 – **James Naylor**
 - “Derelict Structures” - (10/03/2007)
- Fashion - Photographic work to inspire final year project
 - Theme: Dereliction.
- Forensic Science
- Department of Technology – **Adam Butler, Chen Lee & Alex Wild** – Advanced video production – Promotional video for the Forensic Science Department – (March 2007)
- Archaeology – School of Natural Resources
- M.Sc Architectural Conservation/M.Sc Urban Regeneration Field Trip – (28/11/2006)
- Digital Photography C at Preston College – **Margaret Heatley** – Themed Project “Trees and Woodland - April, 2008 & Seasonal throughout 2008.
- FD Photography and Digital Design at Blackpool & The Fylde College – **Pat Moss** – April & May 2008 – Final Project
 - “Fashion Editorial”

Other Educational activities include :-

- Undergraduate Dissertation – on Bank Hall
- Chester University – Landscape Study
- Newcastle-under-Lyne College 2004 (BTEC Diploma in Foundation Studies – Art & Design)
- North Staffordshire University (Photography)
- Oxford University (Distance Learning – M.A. Study)
- Oxford University 2004-6 (M.Sc in Applied Landscape Archaeology)
- Society for Protection of Ancient Buildings
 - Accredited Conservation Course (2 Students)

RUNSHAW COLLEGE

- Photography

JUNIOR EDUCATION

The Group has assisted the following:

ORMSKIRK DISTRICT SCOUTS

- Scouts Heritage & Forester Badge-work. (May 2004)

ST MARY'S NURSERY CLASS, LEYLAND

- We provided an assortment of logs to be placed a "Bug" garden at the Nursery in Leyland. (June 2009)

ILLUSTRATED TALKS

The Group are frequently asked to give talks on "Bank Hall" and the activities of the Group. Members of the Group are keen to facilitate such requests and illustrated talks have been given to the following groups :-

Ainsdale Civic Society
 Broughton Womens Institute (21/03/2007)
 Chorley Civic Society
 Colne History Society
 County Hall, Preston – Buildings Preservation Trust A.G.M.
 Formby University of the 3rd Age –
 Local History Group 4 (15/02/2008)
 Friends of West Lancashire Heritage Association
 Grimsargh Gardening Club (06/02/2008)
 Hutton History Society
 Lancashire Gardens Society (Feb 2008)
 Leyland Ladies Circle
 Longton Lifelong Learning Group
 Marshside Methodist Church
 Mere Brow Autumn Club (01/12/2008)
 New Longton Church Group
 Ormskirk Emmanuel Methodist Church
 Ormskirk Probus Club (16/07/2008)
 Skipton Civic Society (07/03/2007)
 South Preston Rotary Club (03/06/2008)
 South Ribble Lady Mayoress 'Women of Achievement'
 (Chairperson of Bank Hall Action Group
 – Invited Speaker)
 Southport Rotary Club
 Tarleton Mothers Union
 Tarleton Womens Institute (05/02/2007)
 The Tuesday Group, Longton (03/04/2007)
 Unison Retired Members
 University of the Third Age
 Wyecliffe Memorial Church (09/11/2009)

EXHIBITIONS

Tarleton Library – 1998
 Wigan Library – History Shop – 2006
 Pendle Heritage Centre – 2003 & 2006.

CAMPAIGN HIGHLIGHTS

1995	Bank Hall Action Group was formed.
26 th July, 1995	First Meeting held at "The De Trafford Arms", Croston.
August, 1995	Chorley Borough Council states their support for the campaign in the press.
September, 1995	Bank Hall conference held at Chorley Town Hall at 2 p.m. on the 26 th September. The venue was the small committee room but this had to be changed to the main Council chamber due to the overwhelming demand for attendance. Heritage Trust for the North West appointed to produce a Feasibility Study.
November, 1995	BHAG written proposals for Bank Hall by R. Bramley.
December, 1995	BHAG visit Bank Hall and gain official access for the first time to the grounds.
1996	A Feasibility Study on the future of Bank Hall produced by Heritage Trust for the North West and funded by Chorley Borough Council and the Architectural Heritage Fund. Niall Phillips Architects, a leading conservation practice in Bristol, are commissioned to produce the study which concludes that it is feasible, practical and desirable to save Bank Hall.
1996	Work commences on clearing the overgrown hall and grounds, work which is ongoing and continues to this day.
February 1997	Bank Hall book is ready for the printers.
1997	Emergency work undertaken to the Prospect Tower by Heritage Trust for the North West, under Licence for Access. The work is grant-aided by Lord Lilford Estates, and English Heritage and the Action Group.
January, 1998	BHAG meetings move venue to "The Lord Nelson", Croston.
February, 1998	BHAG agree to pay £2,500 towards the Tower scaffolding.
February, 1998	Felling of trees around the Hall.
April, 1998	Heritage Trust for the North West negotiates with the Lord Lilford Estates to secure a small cottage as a base for the project and exhibitions.
May, 1998	Garden Report by J.B. Tyldsley, Hon. Curator, Northern Horticulture Society, sponsored by Heritage Trust for the North West.
May, 1998	Flowerbed created in the old fish pond.
June, 1998	Visit to Bank Hall by members of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings.
September, 1998	The Action Group obtains photographs of the Harcourt-Clare family from relatives of Lady Clare.

October, 1998	Security fence completed.
1999	First Public Event at Bank Hall.
January, 1999	Collapse of Gable, North West wing.
Jan/Feb, 1999	Clearing of Walled Garden and Greenhouse area.
March, 1999	Proposal to open the grounds of the hall on one Sunday afternoon each month throughout the Summer.
May, 1999	Barbecue for action group members, family and friends.
June, 1999	Sign erected at gate of Hall.
Summer, 1999	Official visits from English Heritage and the Heritage Lottery Fund. Coverage on Granada T.V., Radio Lancashire and in Lancashire Life.
September, 1999	Saturday night Barbecue with Live Band. The first public event at Bank Hall in decades.
October, 1999	Lord Lilford Estates give the Action Group the use of the former farm managers office at Bank Hall farm as a Visitor Centre for Bank Hall.
April, 2000	The Visitor Centre opens to the public.
November, 2000	First visit by Autism Initiative.
January, 2001	G. Coxhead discovers "The Lime Walk".
February, 2001	The first Snowdrop Sundays prove a great success.
Summer, 2001	Theatre workshops, Music workshops for schools (Awards for All) The Sealed Knot – Living history weekend (Awards for All)
September, 2001	Creation of the Bank Hall website – www.bankhall.org.uk
June, 2002	Endemol Productions visit the Hall – Tuesday 18 th June First open air Shakespeare at Bank Hall - "As You Like It" performed by Illyria (Awards for All)
Summer, 2002	Rubble cleared from hall in preparation for filming. Stabilisation work on the Prospect Tower undertaken by Heritage Trust for the North West funded by Lord Lilford Estates and English Heritage and Bank Hall Action Group. "RESTORATION" filmed at Bank Hall.
July, 2002	English Heritage Buildings at Risk Register – Official Launch at Bank Hall – Tuesday 9 th July
August, 2002	Sealed Knot – Civil war living history weekend.
November, 2002	The Coach House – ready for use as extra space for intimate indoor functions.

May, 2003	"The Merchant of Venice" performed by Illyria.
Summer, 2003	UCLP Garden Survey – Department of the Built Environment.
August, 2003	BBC2 "RESTORATION" TV Series broadcast. Bank Hall receives 42,000 votes.
November, 2003	The BHAG meet HRH The Prince of Wales on the occasion of his visit to The Pendle Heritage Centre. His Royal Highness expresses in his speech, his special interest in the fate of Bank Hall – 28/11/2003.
March, 2004	Series of thefts of stonework.
April, 2004	Visit by four Lancashire Mayors – 25 th April.
May, 2004	A team of Scouts carrying out Forestry work and under the leadership of Lionel Taylor and Geoff Coxhead uncover the front garden wall. This was subsequently investigated further by UCLAN.
Autumn, 2004	UCLAN Forensic Students work at the Hall.
January, 2004	We advertise for a development partner.
September, 2004	Heritage Lottery Fund award Stage 1 Pass to Heritage Trust for the North West.
October, 2004	Steering Group comprising representatives of Lord Lilford Estates, Chorley Borough Council, Heritage Trust for the North West, Bank Hall Action Group.
March, 2005	UCLAN Archaeology students work at the Hall.
June, 2005	Archaeological dig report received. Media Studies DVD from ULCP. Viking Re-enactment.
Summer, 2005	Selection process to appoint a development partner. Historic Landscape Survey (conducted during Winter 2004/2005) by Nicholas Pearson Associates, Landscape Architects.
July, 2005	"Urban Splash" announced as our chosen development partner. BHAG 10 th Birthday.
September, 2005	UCLAN Archaeology students work at the Hall. UCLAN Earthworm Study commences – School of Natural Resources.
January, 2006	UCLAN Forensic students work at the Hall.
April, 2006	The roof over the Jacobean section collapses.
June, 2006	BHAG contribute £13,000 for Stabilisation work.

July, 2006	Water tank falls from the second floor into entrance hall.
August, 2006	Collapse of the Dutch Gable at the front of the Hall.
September, 2006	UCLAN Archaeology students work at the Hall.
October, 2006	Contractors move in to remove remainder of roof and other unsafe structures and conduct Stabilisation work at front of the Hall. The work funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund.
January, 2007	A fire in the Visitor Centre closes the Centre. Many displays are damaged or lost but most Artifacts were unharmed apart from smoke damage.
June, 2007	Paneling removed from Smoking Room in North West Wing by Heritage North West. During the following week the 1 st floor in that room collapses.
October, 2007	Urban Splash present projected restoration project plans and enabling development plans to the Action Group and friends at Much Hoole Village Hall.
May, 2009	Heritage Trust for the North West sign an Agreement to Lease with the Lilford Estate Trustees. This sets in motion a series of events which, if all goes to plan, should lead to the Restoration of the Hall.

MEDIA COVERAGE

FEATURE FILMS

- "The Haunted House of Horror" - Tigon Films - 1969

T.V. COVERAGE

- Granada News – 1995
- BBC Look North West 1995
- Granada T.V. – Fred Talbot – Snowdrop Feature
- BBC2 "Restoration" - Endemol 2003
- BBC Breakfast TV – Live coverage from the Hall with representative of English Heritage with reference to the "Buildings at Risk" Register – 26/07/2007

RADIO COVERAGE & INTERVIEWS

- BBC Radio Lancashire - "Restoration" Phone-In, 12 noon to 1 pm 8th August, 2003 with Geoff Coxhead (BHAG), Presenter: Brett Davidson.
- Radio 4 – "You and Yours" – Friday 8th August, 2003
- Dune FM

MAGAZINE ARTICLES

"The Fate of Bretherton's Bank Hall"	Lancashire Magazine March/April, 1997 by Carol Ann Strange
"The Battle for Bank Hall"	Lancashire Life May 1998 by Anthony Skinner Photographs -: John Cocks
"Restoration Drama"	Lancashire Life June 1999
"TV Contest may save the day for Historic Hall"	Lancashire Today June, 2003 By Rebecca Ward
Photograph of Bank Hall	The Guide, The Guardian, 2 nd August, 2003
"The State of the Nation"	Radio Times 2 nd to 8 th August, 2003 Christopher Middleton
"Snowdrop Spectacular"	Lancashire Life February, 2004 Michael Edwards
"Scouts dig up piece of history"	Scouting Magazine August, 2004 Lionel Taylor
"Bank Hall's Secret Snowdrop"	Lancashire Magazine January, 2005 Michael Edwards
& also in	The Countryman Magazine February, 2005 Michael
Edwards	
"Banking on Change"	Lancashire Life June, 2005
"Trading Places in Bretherton"	Lancashire Life October, 2005 Graham Johnston

"Snowdrop Snowstorm"

Lancashire Life
January, 2007
Michael Edwards

"Buildings at Risk"
(Reference to Bank Hall)

Lancashire History Quarterly
Volume 10, Spring 2007
Kevin Illingworth

"Walshman/Welshman -
refugees in 12th Century Lancashire"
(Reference to Banastre Family)

Lancashire History Quarterly
Volume 10, Spring 2007
Reg Postlethwaite

"Action Stations" –
Saving Bank Hall

Community Times
Launch Edition December 2008

BOOKS

- "Restoration"
Philip Wilkinson
Forward by Griff Rhys Jones
Published by "Headline"
2003
- "Restoration – The story continues"
Philip Wilkinson
Contains Update on the first
Series
Published by English Heritage
2004
- "Bretherton in Times Past"
Geoff Coxhead
Countryside Publications
1985
- "Bank Hall"
Paul Dillon & Geoff Coxhead
Published by The Bank Hall
Action Group
Printed by "Graphic House"
First Edition 1989
Reprinted 1997 (5 Times)
Revised 2004 & Reprinted
- "Follow any Stream"
George Birthill
Published by Chorley Guardian
1968 ?
- "The Silent Houses of Britain"
Alexander Creswell
1991
- "A Guide To
The Country Houses of the North West"
John Martin Robinson
CONSTABLE - LONDON
- "Traipsing from a Lancashire Toll Bar"
Betty Gilkes & Stan Pickles
Published by Landy Publishing
2005
- "My Friends and I present –
... and the Factory Years"
Book of Poems by Frankie
Shepherd – Published 2007.
(Includes a poem relating to
snowdrops and entitled
"Bank Hall".

MEMOIRS

"The Bretherton Years 1933-1937"

Dorothy French
1986

"My Times at Bank Hall"

Mary Esslemont

"My Memories"

Norman Seddon-Brown

"A Bank Hall Film Project"

Brian Prescott

"Fit for a King"

Mrs. V.M. Grimshaw
Lancashire Life
June 1999

"Happy Childhood Memories"

Mary Greenwood
2006

VIDEO RECORD

The group possesses a comprehensive record of its work in the form of many still photographs, both prints and slides.

As well as this stills collection, the group has a detailed video record tracing the history and activities of the group as well as video records of all the television coverage featuring the hall.

Gerry Hogg, a founder member of the group, was responsible for shooting this video record as well as being the compiler of the impressive press cuttings archive. Gerry died of cancer in 2005 and his video tapes went missing. Fortunately, however, the tapes have recently been re-discovered. The group now intends to have this material transferred to DVD, edited and presented to the public.

Gerry left money in his will to the Bank Hall Action Group and with this gift the group has purchased a DVD camera thus enabling his work to continue.

Gerry was passionate about the group's campaign to save Bank Hall. He was the "Gatekeeper" on open days greeting our visitors and was meticulous in compiling the archive of our many newspaper articles. Whilst going through his collection of cutting we came across the following statement that Gerry had placed in one of his files intending it to be found, as indeed it has been.

Gerald Hogg (Gerry)

I was at sea serving in both the Royal Navy and Merchant Navy for 24 years. Whilst on leave in 1980 I had an accident which left me disabled.

I live just about a quarter mile from Bank Hall. A number of years ago I read a leaflet in our local library about the formation of the group and its intention to have the Hall restored to its former glory. It seemed such a worthwhile project that two months after the group was formed I decided to join it.

Due to my disability, I am not able to do anything physical, so my contribution over the last eight years has been to keep a photographic and video record of all the work the members have undertaken and all the events staged for our fundraising programme.

The Hall, although in a ruinous state, exudes an aura of warmth and friendliness in this part of Lancashire where there are so few buildings of historical note.

*The Hall **MUST** be saved*

THE TREES OF BANK HALL

Bank Hall has an extensive collection of Trees with several unusual specimens that are very old. Some have been added in more recent times. The following catalogue of trees has been compiled by Steve Dearnaley from the Bank Hall Action Group and lists all those that can be found at Bank Hall. For interest, it has been divided into three sections.

Native Species

Shown in approximate order of arrival before the land bridge with the Continent was flooded.

Downy Birch	Betula pubescens
Silver Birch	Betula pendula
Scots Pine	Pinus sylvestris
Small leafed Lime	Tilia cordata
Goat Willow	Salix caprea
Rowan/Mountain Ash	Sorbus aucuparia
Ash	Fraxinus excelsior
Holly	Ilex aquifolium
English Oak	Quercus robur
Hawthorn	Crataegus monogyna
Yew	Taxus baccata
Wild Cherry	Prunus avium
Large leafed Lime	Tilia platyphyllos
Beech	Fagus sylvatica
Hornbeam	Carpinus betulus

Non-Native Species

Shown in approximate order of introduction to Great Britain.

Sycamore	Acer pseudoplatanus	Roman +
Horse Chestnut	Aesculus hippocastanum	1616
Swamp Cypress	Taxodium distichum	1640
Corsican Pine	Pinus nigra maritima	1759
Irish Yew	Taxus baccata 'Fastigiata'	1790
Coast Redwood	Sequoia sempervirens	1843
Wellingtonia	Sequoiadendron giganteum	1853
Dawn Redwood	Metasequoia glyptostroboides	1948
	<i>(Re-discovered in China in 1941)</i>	

Non-Native Species

First introduction date is unknown

Atlantic Cedar	Cedrus atlantica 'glanca'
Deodar Cedar	Cedrus deodara
Cedar of Lebanon	Cedrus libani
Japanese Red Cedar	Cryptomeria japonica
Western Red Cedar	Thuja plicata
Paperbark Maple	Acer griseum
Western Hemlock	Tsuga heterphylla
Magnolia	Magnolia x Soulangeana
Apple	Malus domestica
Grey Alder	Alnus incana
Elder	Sambucus nigra
Lawson Cypress	Chamaecyparis lawsoniana
Caucasian Fir	Abies nordmanniana

Forest Management

During Winter 2007/2008 grant funding was received from Lancashire County Council to begin a woodland management plan which had been agreed by the L.C.C., the Forestry Commission, Bank Hall Action Group and Acland Bracewell. Phase I was the Halo thinning of the non-natives around specimen yew trees across the site. Further work is to be carried out over winter 2008/2009 after which replanting will also commence.

New Plantings

The 100th Yew on the site was planted in February 2008
(*Donated by Katherine Taylor and Adam Beddoes from Manchester*)

Also planted in Spring 2008:

Lilac
Norway Spruce

THE SNOWDROPS AT BANK HALL

On the 17th February, 2007 the Cottage Garden Society's 'Snowdrop Group' will be visiting Bank Hall. It was only six years previously that the snowdrops at Bank Hall were re-discovered after extensive clearing of the grounds around Bank Hall. This led to "Snowdrop Open Days" being held from February 2001 up to the present time.

Over this period both snowdrops and visitors to the Hall increased rapidly with over 1,000 persons coming through the gates in a single afternoon.

Snowdrop experts were consulted which resulted in a visit from Daphne Chappell in February 2002. She confirmed that that the snowdrops at Bank Hall, after lying undisturbed for many years had created a unique garden.

Daphne made a return visit in February 2004 when she confirmed yet again that the snowdrops were indeed unique with many different hybrids that had been discovered since her last visit.

A group member initiated a visit by Fred Talbot the weatherman on Granada Reports which resulted in increased publicity for both the Hall and the snowdrops in February 2003.

A visit was made by Jenny Homewood (chairperson of the CGSG) in February 2006 when she suggested that the group would be interested in holding their Annual Members day at the Hall in 2007, a suggestion that was wholly agreed upon by the members of the Bank Hall Action Group.

Snowdrop Sundays are now a major fundraiser for the group, and provides much needed capital for remedial work on the Hall. Our knowledge of snowdrops has increased enormously in the last five years thanks to Bank Hall.

(Narrative by Anne Johnson & Brenda Barker, BHAG)

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

"Tarleton & Hesketh Water Supply – Local Government Enquiry	The Ormskirk Advertiser 26 th December, 1895 (<i>Document held in Archives</i>)
"Sir Harcourt E. Clare Dead"	Preston Guardian ? 1922
Lancashire Villages: Bretherton	Preston Guardian, Saturday 30 th March, 1929
"Aspects of Village life in Wartime Bretherton"	Preston Guardian Sat. 2 nd November 1940
"A 1960 Aristocrat"	Graham Johnston, Lancashire Evening Post Tues. 22 nd November 1960
"Lancashire's Historic Houses"	Lancashire Evening Post Sat. 13 th October, 1962
"Meeting of the Waters"	George Birtill, Preston Guardian 2 nd June, 1987
"Bid to save historic hall, Action group meets tonight"	Leyland Guardian 26 th July, 1995
"Destruction of our Heritage"	John Quirk & Cassandra Moon, Chorley Guardian 2 nd August, 1995
"Opinion"	Gillian Gray, Editor, Chorley Guardian 2 nd August, 1995
"Victory, Council step in our campaign"	John Quirk Chorley Guardian 2 nd August, 1995
"Boost for Bank Hall Group"	Chorley Guardian 9 th August, 1995
"Urgent appeal to save historic hall"	Mick Robson Village Visitor 23 rd August, 1995
"Low Cost Flats Plan for Hall"	Cassandra Moon, Chorley Guardian, 27 th September, 1995
"Hall Action Group – Step up Fund Raising"	The Ormskirk Advertiser

	19 th October, 1995
"£1m to save Milords bit of History"	Anthea Masey The Mail on Sunday 19 th November, 1995
"Historic Hall could be Saved"	Mick Robson Village Visitor 17 th April, 1996
"£2m To Save Historic Hall"and £20,000 emergency work needed on central section	Angela Birchall Village Visitor 12 th June, 1996
"Historic House looks set to be saved"	John Quirk, Chorley Guardian 21 st August, 1996
"FUND TO SAVE HALL" - £25,000 appeal for emergency repairs.	Angela Birchall Village Visitor 28 th August, 1996
"Help to save hall"	Village Visitor 11 th September, 1996
"Lottery could save hall"	Village Visitor 13 th November, 1996
"Historic hall's tower is saved by cash injection"	Lancashire Evening Post 3 rd February, 1997
"£16,000 for Bank Hall fund"	Village Visitor 12 th February, 1997
"Book marks hall's rescue bid"	Angela Birchall Village Visitor 18 th April, 1997
"Recalling hall's past"	Angela Birchall Village Visitor 23 rd April, 1997
"Comic Artist puts Bank Hall in the picture"	Village Visitor 30 th April, 1997
"Winner gets Bank Hall book"	Angela Birchall Village Visitor 21 st May, 1997
"WORK BEGINS TO SAVE HALL"	Angela Birchall (Exclusive) Village Visitor 18 th June, 1997
"Bank Hall group prop up the past"	Village Visitor 24 th September, 1997

"Work to stop rot on Hall starts"	Post Reporter Lancashire Evening Post 26 th September, 1997
"Bidding for Lottery to save Hall"	Angela Birchall, The Visitor, 8 th October, 1997
"Lottery cash bid to restore centuries old Mansion"	The Ormskirk Advertiser 9 th October, 1997
"Digging up our History"	Village Visitor 27 th May, 1998
"You can help save historic hall"	The Ormskirk Advertiser Thurs. 28 th May, 1998
"Banking on the Lottery"	Village Visitor 17 th June, 1998
"Hall's history on show at Library"	Village Visitor 23 rd September, 1998
"Open house for heritage"	Ormskirk Advertiser 9 th September, 1999
"Peep at Progress"	Ormskirk Advertiser 16 th September, 1999
"At the mercy of the storm"	Ormskirk Advertiser 7 th October, 1999
"History is revealed at old hall"	Ormskirk Advertiser 20 th April, 2000
"Saving our past"	Village Visitor 26 th April, 2000
"RECORDS BONANZA REVEALED"	Village Visitor 26 th April, 2000
"Clock tower repairs timed to perfection"	Ormskirk Advertiser 4 th May, 2000
"Lancashire's heritage at risk of crumbling away"	Lancashire Evening Post 14 th June, 2000
"Gardens Open"	Village Visitor 5 th July, 2000
"Bank Hall group can be justly proud of its actions"	Ormskirk Advertiser 6 th July, 2000

"Music adds fine note to day at hall of history"	Lancashire Evening Post 2 nd August, 2000
"Summer Fun"	Chorley Guardian 2 nd August, 2000
"OPEN DAY IS LIFELINE FOR TOWER"	Village Visitor 13 th September, 2000
"Appeal for bell tower"	Ormskirk Advertiser 14 th September, 2000
"Looking into our heritage"	Ormskirk Advertiser 14 th September, 2000
"On Song for Restoration"	The Ormskirk Advertiser 12 th October, 2000
"Candlelit Concert"	The Visitor 11 th October, 2000
"Snowdrops are sight to be seen"	Village Visitor 7 th February, 2001
"Visitors snap up snowdrop invite"	Lancashire Evening Post 13 th February, 2001
"Snow beautiful at Bank Hall"	Chorley Guardian 14 th February, 2001
"Hundreds flock to see Hall's snowdrop carpet"	Village Visitor 14 th February, 2001
"Crowds go wild for rare beauty"	Ormskirk Advertiser 15 th February, 2001
"Race to save ancient Hall"	Village Visitor 7 th March, 2001
"Mansion is set for Restoration"	Lancashire Evening Post 9 th March, 2001
"Back to its roots via Salt Lake City, USA"	Ormskirk Advertiser 15 th March, 2001
"Grant cash to help Hall education programme"	Village Visitor 11 th April, 2001
"Hall banks on Bard to boost £1m campaign"	Lancashire Evening Post 12 th April, 2001
"Cash gives new life for old hall"	Ormskirk Advertiser 12 th April, 2001

"Golden Girl"	Ormskirk Advertiser 19 th April, 2001
"Concert"	Village Visitor 6 th June, 2001
"Music in the air at Bank Hall"	Ormskirk Advertiser 7 th June, 2001
"Work takes to the Air"	Gary York Chorley Guardian 27 th June, 2001
"Visit the past"	Village Visitor 27 th June, 2001
"Go back in time with Bank Hall"	Ormskirk Advertiser 28 th June, 2001
"PAST in Danger ?"	Lancashire Evening Post 29 th June, 2001
"Days of historical drama recreated"	Ormskirk Advertiser 5 th July, 2001
"Repairs to go ahead on historical hall tower"	Lancashire Evening Post 9 th July, 2001
"BIGSHOT" – Photograph	Village Visitor 11 th July, 2001
"BREHERTON RABBIT" – Photograph	Ormskirk Advertiser 12 th July, 2001
"Spit-ting image of war!"	Ormskirk Advertiser 12 th July, 2001
"DRAMA DAY" - Photograph	Ormskirk Advertiser 12 th July, 2001
Bretherton landmark in bad condition says report"	Ormskirk Advertiser 19 th July, 2001
"If you go down to the woods"	Ormskirk Advertiser 26 th July, 2001
"Children show off their talents"	Ormskirk Advertiser 9 th August, 2001
"SUMMER FUN" – Photograph	Ormskirk Advertiser 16 th August, 2001
"HONEY HUNT" – Photograph	Village Visitor 22 nd August, 2001

"Tower may collapse – fears for listed Building"	Gary York Leyland Guardian 26 th September, 2001
"Race is on to save a landmark"	Lancashire Evening Post 28 th September, 2001
"Historic drama looks to future"	Lancashire Evening Post 2001
"Work set to start on hall restoration"	Chorley Guardian 6 th February, 2002
"Carpet of Snowdrops"	Chorley Guardian 13 th February, 2002
"White Out"	The Ormskirk Advertiser 14 th February, 2002
"Last of the Snowdrops"	Lancashire Evening Post 1 st March, 2002
"£5m plan to rejuvenate derelict hall"	Sonja Karlsen Lancashire Evening Post 17 th May, 2002
"You will like it"	Village Visitor 22 nd May, 2002
"Our crumbling treasures"	Lancashire Evening Post 9 th July, 2002
"New TV show could save our historical gems"	Lancashire Evening Post 10 th July, 2002
"Who goes, you decide. Britains crumbling heritage gets big brother treatment"	Maer Kennedy, The Guardian 10 th July, 2002
"Big Brother to rescue listed wreck from ruin"	Marcus Binney & Adam Sherwin. The Times 10 th July, 2002
"Preserving our old architecture"	Village Visitor 10 th July, 2002
"Tower of Strength"	Clifford Birchall Ormskirk Advertiser 11 th July, 2002
"Fighting to save buildings at risk"	Village Visitor 17 th July, 2002

"Buildings still in a state of emergency"	Alix Bell Ormskirk Advertiser 18 th July, 2002
"Swords to clash at historic hall"	Lancashire Evening Post 2 nd August, 2002
"Drop-in day at the hall"	Village Visitor 5 th February, 2003
"Big turnout for snowdrops"	Chorley Guardian 12 th February, 2003
"Pike & Shot men battle to defend landmark"	Lancashire Evening Post 12 th February, 2003
Photograph – Snowdrop Sundays	By Dennis Bradbury Village Visitor 19 th February, 2003
"Last delights of flowers at Bank Hall"	Ormskirk Advertiser 27 th February, 2003
"Hall in chance for TV Millions"	Gary York Chorley Guardian 26 th March, 2003
"Host of Daffodils"	Village Visitor 26 th March, 2003
"Daffy day at Bank Hall"	Ormskirk Advertiser 27 th March, 2003
*Hall is banking on 'Big Brother' TV Showcase"	Gary York Lancashire Evening Post 29 th March, 2003
"Pets & Petals draw in Crowds"	Lancashire Evening Post 1 st April, 2003
"Faded hint of elegance"	Lancashire Evening Post 12 th April, 2003
"Springtime brings new delights at the Hall"	Lancashire Evening Post 19 th April, 2003
"Bank Hall on TV"	Southport Champion 30 th April, 2003
"Let battle commence"	Village Visitor 30 th April, 2003
"Event should not be missed"	Ormskirk Advertiser

	1 st May, 2003
Photograph – Sealed Knot	Village Visitor 7 th May, 2003
“Bank Hall tours”	Southport Champion 7 th May, 2003
“Watch merchant at Bank Hall”	Chorley Guardian 14 th May, 2003
“Band Night”	Village Visitor 14 th May, 2003
“Pick up your musket !”	Ormskirk Advertiser 15 th May, 2003
“Enjoy open air culture”	Lancashire Evening Post 17 th May, 2003
Advertisement for “The Merchant of Venice”	Chorley Guardian 21 st May, 2003
“The Bard is back”	Ormskirk Advertiser 22 nd May, 2003
Advertisement for “The Merchant of Venice”	Lancashire Evening Post 23 rd May, 2003
“The Merchant at Bank Hall”	Lancashire Evening Post 30 th May, 2003
“Hall Concert”	Ormskirk Advertiser 26 th June, 2003
“Band ready for action”	Lancashire Evening Post 28 th June, 2003
“Blasts from past battle for old Hall”	Lancashire Evening Post 24 th July, 2003

RESTORATION T.V. SERIES CAMPAIGN

“Save Bank Hall”	Gary York, Chorley Guardian 16 th July, 2003
“County’s shames: The skeletons of elegance”	Emilie Bradshaw Lancashire Evening Post 19 th July, 2003
“Lifeline is the chance of a lifetime”	Ormskirk Advertiser

	24 th July, 2003
"Mowers move it at Hall"	Lancashire Evening Post 28 th July, 2003
"Big Brother style TV show could save Bank Hall"	Sally Henfield Village Visitor 30 th July, 2003
"WHO WINS ? YOU DECIDE !"	Village Visitor 30 th July, 2003
"Hall bid for TV cash gets a boost"	Gary York, Chorley Guardian 30 th July, 2003
"Bank-ing on your Support"	Sally Henfield The Advertiser 31 st July, 2003
"History comes alive in fight to save Hall"	Lancashire Evening Post 2 nd August, 2003
"Griff's ruinous venture"	Lancashire Evening Post 2 nd August, 2003
"Appeal to help save historic building"	The Blackpool Gazette 5 th August, 2003
"TV may give new life to old Mansion"	Alan Weston Liverpool Daily Post 6 th August, 2003
"TV COULD SAVE HISTORIC HALL"	Liverpool Echo 6 th August, 2003
"Hall out effort !"	Clifford Birchall Midweek Visitor 6 th August, 2003
"Bank Hall"	Southport Champion 6 th August, 2003
"Vote, vote, vote to restore Bank Hall"	Chorley Guardian 6 th August, 2003
"Banking on country's vote"	Ormskirk Advertiser 7 th August, 2003
"Cutting Edge for Bank Hall"	Ormskirk Advertiser 7 th August, 2003
"Who would live in a ruined house like this"	Cliff Birchall Crosby Herald

	7 th August, 2003
"Civic society is banking on your vote"	Southport Visitor" 8 th August, 2003
"Griff does a demolition job"	Stephen Pile The Daily Telegraph 9 th August, 2003
"Campaigners Fight on"	Chorley Guardian, 13 th August, 2003
"Hall loses in TV cash poll"	Lancashire Evening Post 13 th August, 2003
"Campaigners Fight on"	Chorley Guardian, 13 th August, 2003
"First round defeat but battle for Bank Hall is boosted"	Ormskirk Advertiser 14 th August, 2003
"Hall had 39,000 votes on BBC"	Mike Day, Chorley Guardian 24 th September, 2003
"Historic buildings key to regeneration"	Laura Kennerley Lancashire Evening Post 1 st January, 2004
"£1.5m lottery cash bid to save crumbling hall"	Gary York Lancashire Evening Post 1 st January, 2004
"It's snowing as public flood in at Bank Hall"	Chorley Guardian, January, 2004
Snowdrop Photograph	Village Visitor 21 st January, 2004
"Drop in to buy flowers"	Ormskirk Advertiser 22 nd January, 2004
"Spectacular snowdrops attract the crowds"	Lancashire Evening Post 3 rd February, 2004
Snowdrop Photograph	Village Visitor 11 th February, 2004
Snowdrop Photograph	Ormskirk Advertiser 12 th February, 2004
"Hall spoils flower show"	Opinions (letters column) Chorley Guardian 18 th February, 2004

"Leap at the call to see snowdrops"	Ormskirk Advertiser 26 th February, 2006
"Budding display"	Southport Visitor 27 th February, 2004
"Magic Carpet"	The Daily Telegraph 28 th February, 2004
"GANG RISK LIVES IN HALL RAID"	Lancashire Evening Post 2 nd March, 2004
"Thieves risk harm to raid Mansion"	Gary York Chorley Guardian 3 rd March, 2004
"Thieves dice with death"	Clifford Birchall Ormskirk Advertiser 11 th March, 2004
"Stunning Snowdrops"	Southport Visitor 26 th March, 2004
"A different type of turner prizes"	Lancashire Evening Post 2 nd April, 2004
Photograph – Tarleton Brass Band	Village Visitor 5 th May, 2004
Photograph - Four Mayors visit Bank Hall	Village Visitor 12 th May, 2004
"Access fear if hall is sold"	Gary York Chorley Guardian 12 th May, 2004
"Bank Hall set to break records"	Gary York Chorley Guardian 21st June, 2004
"£1.6m boost"	Gary York Chorley Guardian 30 th June, 2004
"Hope for old Hall"	Ormskirk Advertiser 1 st July, 2004
"Lottery gives hall a fighting chance"	Village Visitor 7 th July, 2004
"Bank Hall set to host heritage crafts weekend"	Ormskirk Advertiser 9 th September, 2004
"Nothing to do this weekend ?"	Angela Danby &

Discover two historic gems"	Nick Morton Southport Visitor 10 th September, 2004
Photograph – Easter Egg Trail	Southport Visitor 2005
"The day village was hit by marauding Viking gang"	Lancashire Evening Post 28 th June, 2005
"Treat for Vintage Car Fans at Action Group's Anniversary"	Lancashire Evening Post 27 th July, 2005
"In need of a Lifeline"	Peter Elson Daily Post 1 st November, 2005
"Unearthing Hall's History"	Vanessa Taylor Lancashire Evening Post 1 st June, 2006
"Help to save our county's history"	David Coates Lancashire Evening Post 14 th July, 2006
"Historic Hall may be turned into Flats"	Mike Day Lancashire Evening Post 15 th July, 2006
"Vintage Cars at Historic Hall"	Southport Visitor 21 st July, 2006
"Back to the future to help restore historic hall"	Lancashire Evening Post 26 th July, 2006
"A fine vintage proves to be wheely great at Bank Hall"	Lancashire Evening Post 1 st August, 2006
"Rally good show"	Chorley Guardian 2 nd August, 2006
"A level results"	A Lancashire Evening Post Supplement – Friday 18 th August, 2006
Photograph	Jim Brown gives display of falconry at Open Day. The Ormskirk Advertiser 31 st August, 2006
"Historic piles are crumbling into Oblivion"	The Times English Heritage - Buildings at Risk Article 25 th July, 2007

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24th July 2009

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Full page article reporting
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Rally.
31st July 2009

**OTHER ORGANISATIONS THAT HAVE HELPED
THE BANK HALL ACTION GROUP**

Architectural Heritage Fund

Awards For All

Chorley Borough Council

Chorley Mayors Fund

Community Futures

English Heritage

Friends of the West Lancs. Heritage Association

Green Partnership Awards

Lancashire County Museum Service

Lancashire Environmental Action Fund (LEAF)

Lilford Trust

Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings

University of Central Lancashire

APPENDIX 1

BANK HALL ACTION GROUP

(Incorporating "Friends of Bank Hall")

CONSTITUTION

(As Amended – 6th June 2007)

NAME & OBJECTS

1. The name of the group is BANK HALL ACTION GROUP [BHAG]. BHAG consists of a committee who manage the group and the membership who's names are listed on the membership register.
2. The group is affiliated to HERITAGE TRUST for the NORTH WEST [HTNW]
3. The objects of the group are to work towards saving Bank Hall of Bretherton and to maintain and safeguard historical records associated with Bank Hall.
4. The group aims to see Bank Hall restored and preserved.

MEMBERSHIP

5. Membership of Bank Hall Action Group is open to any person supporting the aims and objects of BHAG, who has no business, pecuniary or ulterior interest in the Hall, who pays an annual subscription fee [£5 p.a. or as determined by the BHAG] and is recorded as a member in the membership register.
6. Only members can participate in the election of officers to BHAG and vote at meetings. Anyone is welcome to attend BHAG General Meetings.
7. Honorary members may be nominated and admitted to the Group at any time by the committee and have the rights and responsibilities of ordinary members.
8. "Friends of Bank Hall" is affiliated to the group for persons more peripherally interested in the Hall but membership does not confer voting rights of full membership of BHAG.

ACCOUNTS

9. The Financial Year End of the Bank Hall Action Group shall be on the 31st March each year.

MEETINGS AND OFFICERS

10. BHAG aims to meet once per month for a General Meeting. These General Meetings shall be the forum at which policy of the group shall be decided. A record of all meetings shall be kept by an appointed officer.
11. The General Meetings shall have a quorum of 4 or as determined by the AGM. If that quorum is not met, group policy cannot be altered or formulated nor can any expenditure above the sum of £25 be sanctioned.
12. The AGM shall take place within 6 months of the end of each financial year after the annual accounts have been prepared.

13. The group shall have a minimum of 4 officers and the committee shall comprise of :-
Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Public-Liaison Officer and Co-ordinator. The minimum age at which people can act as officers of the group is sixteen.
14. The group may appoint spokespersons on specific issues, e.g. Historical Research Officer, etc. and they, together with the officers shall form the committee. The committee may meet as and when required and may discuss and formulate policy which will be referred to a General Meeting for approval.

COMMITTEE ROLES

15. Appointed officers must endeavour to give a regular commitment to the work of the group. Officers are asked to share the work-load as equals so that the onus does not fall upon any individual.
16. Officers are asked to report any business which has arisen at each General Meeting.
17. The group shall have a bank account in the name of BANK HALL ACTION GROUP. At least two of the elected officers shall be signatories to the account and at least two signatures shall be required on any cheque drawn on this account.
18. The Treasurer shall be responsible for presenting the accounts of the group to HTNW and to BHAG at least once a year, also to any other meeting if required to do so at one month's notice. Audit to be handled by HTNW.

RESIGNATIONS AND TERMINATION OF OFFICERS/MEMBERS

19. If any officer wishes to resign, the Chair must be informed in writing. If the Chair wishes to resign, all other officers must be informed in writing and this must be announced at the next General Meeting. Election of an officer may take place at that meeting providing that meeting is quorate and the appointment has been confirmed.
20. The group has the right and responsibility to suspend or expel an officer/ member who has brought the name of the group into disrepute, or been deemed to work against the aims of the group. Such decision can only be made at a quorate meeting after at least one month's notice has been given.
21. The group has the right and responsibility to ask any officer who has not kept in communication with the group for a period of 8 weeks or who is not actively representing the group to tender their resignation.
22. Each officer has the right to bring attention to any matter which in his/her view contravenes the objects or best interests of BHAG, provided there is written support by at least two other members.

TERMINATION OF GROUP

23. The group may be wound-up by a vote at an AGM or Extraordinary General Meeting. A closing balance of accounts must be prepared and any funds left over donated as decided by the officers of the committee.

Amendments

- 1) January 1998
- 2) 6th June 2007

APPENDIX 2

BANK HALL VISITORS 2000 - 2001

<i>EVENT DATE</i>	<i>EVENT TITLE</i>	<i>TOTAL VISITORS</i>	<i>YEARLY TOTAL</i>
23/04/2000	Easter Sunday	133	
30/04/2000	Open Day	84	
28/05/2000	Visitors Day	86	
25/06/2000	Visitors Day	134	

27/06/2000	Civic Society	15	
30/07/2000	Visitors Day	178	
27/08/2000	Open Day	45	
28/08/2000	Bank Holiday	25	
30/08/2000	Private	3	
02/09/2000	Private	10	
17/09/2000	Heritage Open Day	68	
18/09/2000	Heritage Open Day	143	
21/09/2000	Private	8	(FOR 2000)
24/09/2000	Open Day	32	
29/10/2000	Private	8	972
11/02/2001	Snowdrops	272	
18/02/2001	Snowdrops	320	
25/02/2001	Snowdrops	182	
15/05/2001	Easter Sunday	85	
29/04/2001	Open Day	40	
27/05/2001	Open Day	115	
24/06/2001	Vintage Cars	47	
30/06/2001	Sealed Knot	108	
01/07/2001	Sealed Knot	119	
18/07/2001	School Visit	36	
29/07/2001	Teddy Bears Picnic	130	
04/08/2001	Private	11	
26/08/2001	Private	22	
08/09/2001	Heritage Open Day	13	
09/09/2001	Heritage Open Day	15	
15/09/2001	Private	6	(FOR 2001)
23/09/2001	Private	3	
30/09/2001	Private	6	1530

BANK HALL VISITORS 2002

<i>EVENT DATE</i>	<i>EVENT TITLE</i>	<i>TOTAL VISITORS</i>	<i>YEARLY TOTAL</i>
10/02/2002	Snowdrops	49	
17/02/2002	Snowdrops	250	
24/02/2002	Snowdrops	74	
03/03/2002	Snowdrops	61	
Mar-02	North West Arts	9	
31/03/2002	Easter Sunday	64	
28/04/2002	Private	9	
25/05/2002	Private	15	
28/05/2002	History Group	5	
01/06/2002	As You Like It - Theatre Production Illyria	135	
29/06/2002	Rebecca Frear's Art Class	7	
30/06/2002	Open Day	8	
09/07/2002	Buildings At Risk Register Launch	30	
10/07/2002	Rosemary Stanfield's Art Class	8	
13/07/2002	Private	5	
18/07/2002	Rosemary Stanfield's Art Class	5	
20/07/2002	Private	3	
21/07/2002	Private	4	
22/07/2002	Private	8	
28/07/2002	Teddy Bears Picnic	78	
03/08/2002	Civil War	54	
04/08/2002	Civil War	90	
25/08/2002	Open Day	39	
14/09/2002	Heritage Open Day	35	
15/09/2002	Heritage Open Day	172	(FOR 2002)
29/09/2002	Open Day	27	
26/10/2002	Halloween Event	27	1271

BANK HALL VISITORS 2003

<i>EVENT DATE</i>	<i>EVENT TITLE</i>	<i>TOTAL VISITORS</i>	<i>YEARLY TOTAL</i>
09/02/2003	Snowdrops	259	
13/02/2003	Private (Fred Talbot Granada TV)	1	
16/02/2003	Snowdrops	860	
18/02/2003	Snowdrops (Private)	4	
22/02/2002	Snowdrops (Private)	3	
23/02/2002	Snowdrops	476	
02/03/2003	Snowdrops	414	
18/03/2003	Group From U.C.L.P.	4	
30/03/2003	Mothering Sunday	206	
19/04/2003	Private	3	
20/04/2003	Open Day	44	
27/04/2003	Blacksmith Demonstration	44	
03/05/2003	Sealed Knot	19	
04/05/2003	Sealed Knot	56	
10/05/2003	Private	3	
25/05/2003	Open Day	30	
31/05/2003	Illyria	169	
29/06/2003	Tarleton Brass Band	170	
10/07/2003	BBC Camera Team	4	
27/07/2003	Lawn Mower Racing	169	
03/08/2003	Open Day	48	
08/08/2003	Restoration	18	
10/08/2003	Open Day	122	
17/08/2003	Open Day	71	
24/08/2003	Open Day	84	
31/08/2003	Family Fun Day	253	
13/09/2003	Heritage Open Day	136	(FOR 2003)
14/09/2003	Heritage Open Day	412	
28/09/2003	Thank You Sunday	230	4312

BANK HALL VISITORS 2004 - 2005

<i>EVENT DATE</i>	<i>EVENT TITLE</i>	<i>TOTAL VISITORS</i>	<i>YEARLY TOTAL</i>
01/02/2004	Snowdrops	223	
08/02/2004	Snowdrops	823	
15/02/2004	Snowdrops	1195	
22/02/2004	Snowdrops	660	
29/02/2004	Snowdrops	565	
28/03/2004	Daffodil Day	130	
11/04/2004	Easter Egg Trail	152	
25/04/2004	Mayors Visit & Tarleton Brass Band	216	
23/05/2004	Private	12	
22-23/05/2004	Scout Group	10	
30/05/2004	Open Day	246	
27/06/2004	Tarleton Brass Band	111	
25/07/2004	Lancashire Afternoon	36	
11/09/2004	Heritage Open Day	52	
12/09/2004	Heritage Open Day	92	
26/09/2004	Open Day	87	
06/11/2004	Private	5	(FOR 2004)
07/11/2004	Private	21	
28/11/2004	National Tree Week	76	4712
06/02/2005	Snowdrops	293	
13/02/2005	Snowdrops	404	
20/02/2005	Snowdrops	833	
27/02/2005	Snowdrops	490	
20/03/2005	Easter Sunday	250	
24/04/2005	Bluebells & Rural Crafts	181	
20/05/2005	Private	25	
29/05/2005	Lancashire Afternoon	191	
26/06/2005	Viking Re-Enactment	347	
31/07/2005	Vintage Car Rally	476	
28/08/2005	Family Fun Day	197	
18/09/2005	Heritage Open Day	30	(FOR 2005)
25/09/2005	Open Day	19	
27/11/2005	National Tree Week	50	3786

BANK HALL VISITORS 2006

<i>EVENT DATE</i>	<i>EVENT TITLE</i>	<i>TOTAL VISITORS</i>	<i>YEARLY TOTAL</i>
29/01/2006	Snowdrop Sunday	291	
05/02/2006	Snowdrop Sunday	350	
12/02/2006	Snowdrop Sunday	122	
19/02/2006	Snowdrop Sunday	1022	
26/02/2006	Snowdrop Sunday	420	
05/03/2006	Snowdrop Sunday	50	
26/03/2006	Daffodil Day	115	
16/04/2006	Easter Egg Trail	391	
30/04/2006	Rural Crafts	123	
28/05/2006	Lancashire Afternoon	233	
25/06/2006	Tarleton Brass Band	71	
27/06/2006	UCLAN DIG	30	
30/07/2006	Vintage Car Rally	694	
20/08/2006	Family Fun Day	96	
09/09/2006	Heritage Open Day	39	
10/09/2006	Heritage Open Day	57	
23/09/2006	Lancashire Archeological Society	19	
24/09/2006	Open Day	50	
26/11/2006	National Tree Week	137	(FOR 2006)
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BANK HALL VISITORS 2007

<i>EVENT DATE</i>	<i>EVENT TITLE</i>	<i>TOTAL VISITORS</i>	<i>YEARLY TOTAL</i>
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28/01/2007	Snowdrop Sunday	51	
04/02/2007	Snowdrop Sunday	620	
11/02/2007	Snowdrop Sunday	532	
13/02/2007	Snowdrop Open Day - Special Group	60	
17/02/2007	Snowdrop Open Day - Special Group	72	
18/02/2007	Snowdrop Sunday	752	
21/02/2007	Snowdrop Open Day - Special Group	44	
24/02/2007	Snowdrops - Saturday Visitors	19	
25/02/2007	Snowdrop Sunday	465	
25/03/2007	Open Day	20	
08/04/2007	Easter Egg Trail Open Day	335	
29/04/2007	Open Day	21	
27/05/2007	Country Crafts Open Day	47	
24/06/2007	Tarleton Brass Band Open Day	52	
29/07/2007	Vintage Car Rally Open Day	244	
08/09/2007	Heritage Weekend Open Day	7	
09/09/2007	Heritage Weekend Open Day	18	
25/11/2007	National Tree Week Open Day	35	(FOR 2007)

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BANK HALL VISITORS 2008 & 2009

EVENT DATE	EVENT TITLE	TOTAL VISITORS	YEARLY TOTAL
01/01/2008	New Years Day	212	
03/02/2008	Snowdrop Sunday	223	
10/02/2008	Snowdrop Sunday	1128	
17/02/2008	Snowdrop Sunday	1118	
21/02/2008	Private Visit	43	

24/02/2008	Snowdrop Open Day - Special Group	329	
23/03/2008	Easter Egg Trail Open Day	224	
20/05/2008	Private Group Visit	10	
25/05/2008	Open Day	23	
29/06/2008	1940'S Day	58	
27/07/2008	Vintage Car Rally	107	
10/08/2008	LCC Walkpast Visit	18	
13/09/2008	Heritage Open Day	35	
14/09/2008	Heritage Open Day	45	
28/09/2008	Open Day	8	
02/11/2008	Autumn at the Hall Open Day	206	(FOR 2008)

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01/01/2009	New Years Day	154	
08/02/2009	Snowdrop Sunday	327	
15/02/2009	Snowdrop Sunday	566	
22/02/2009	Snowdrop Sunday	849	
01/03/2009	Snowdrop Sunday	632	
29/03/2009	Daffodil Day	193	
12/04/2009	Easter Sunday & Easter Egg Trail Open Day	293	
31/05/2009	Open Day	24	
03/06/2009	Private Visit - Ormskirk Artists	3	
28/06/2009	Open Day	14	
18/07/2009	Theatre Event - A Midsummer Nights Dream	150	
19/07/2009	LCC Walkpast Visit	11	
26/07/2009	Classic Car Rally	308	
12/09/2009	Heritage Open Day	21	
13/09/2009	Heritage Open Day	64	
27/09/2009	Open Day	13	
01/11/2009	Haunted Autumn - Open Day	22	(FOR 2009)

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OVERALL CUMULATIVE TOTAL TO DATE = 31,718 Visitors