Open Days  Contrary to some rumours circulating that you may have heard, Coventry's Charterhouse will not be closed for two years so that the renovations, landscaping and extended building works can take place. The nature of Open Days may well change as circumstances change, but there is every endeavour that the plans and progress is made as public as possible. This may well mean that on some occasions the access will be with a ‘hard hat’ on visitor’s heads, or only contractors displays and demonstrations will be possible. As each date is arranged, and the nature of the day known, the dates will be made public and advertised in the usual ways.

Support The support of the Residents, members of the Coventry Charterhouse Association and everyone who has shown interest in making sure that Colonel Wyley’s bequest is upheld, has been invaluable in getting to the stage that grants have been secured and work is starting on the preservation of the Priory building future. This has been acknowledged by the current owners, Historic Coventry Trust, and many other bodies that have been involved in making the plans viable. Many thanks to all supporters, without whom the future of the building and the visions may well have been in jeopardy.

January Open Day Our recent Open Day, on January 26th was a great success. It is only possible to manage these events because of the support of our members. Very many thanks must go to all those that helped with this one. The thanks go, not only to those that were present, but also to all of you who supported in the many ways that you do.

The exhibition of artefacts and information on Colonel Wyley was very well received and helped to make the Open Day such a success, especially for a cold and damp January day.

The Orchard Anyone visiting the Charterhouse fields is likely to have seen the fruit trees of a ‘new’ orchard. This is more in the way of a re-planting of the medieval orchard, believed to have been on the same site originally. This has been a real communal effort, with volunteer help from Severn Trent, Warwickshire Wildlife Trust, and local residents.

Outstanding amongst the volunteers were the pupils from our local school - All Saints Church of England Primary School. They were delighted to be involved, and very enthusiastic. What a great way to involve their generation and hopefully ensure the future.

Thanks must go to the School’s head and staff for ensuring the necessary arrangements.

Fireworks Once again in November 2018, the Association put on a firework display.

Many thanks to Wayne Allen who organised the display, and all the members who prepared and served the hot food. Judging by the feedback it was a great success, enjoyed by all.

QAVS Toward the end of last year (2018) the Association was nominated for the Queens award for Voluntary Services. The award should we get it is known as the MBE for volunteer groups. We were delighted and honoured, and once again members should give themselves a ‘pat on the back’ for their efforts. We will have to wait and see if the Association is honoured with the award itself, but fingers crossed.

Blink and you missed it Some of you may have thought it was a mirage, when you imagined that you had seen new scaffolding on the building. It wasn’t there for long, but it did appear recently. This was just one of the many results of the activities resulting from the start of work to re-furbish the Priory building. Before the first timber can be replaced or the first stone laid, an enormous effort goes into testing, scanning, measuring etc.

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Next Open Days
Saturday 16th March 2019
12:00pm to 4:00pm

Your help on Open Days and other events is appreciated, come along if you can make it. And make sure that your friends and acquaintances know and come along too.