Mountsorrel Heritage Group wins support

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The project aims to create an online archive and website which will contain artefacts, images, articles, oral recordings and records relating to the heritage of Mountsorrel.

It is expected that the project will take 18 months to complete, starting this summer.

The project will be carried out by volunteers who will be trained in recording oral histories, archiving materials, the use of photographic, computer and recording equipment and the management and maintenance of the website. It will bring together material from industrial sources, private collections and public records.

A professional designer will be employed to create the website which will allow the public of today and future generations to access the information in the archive.

Mountsorrel was a significant settlement as far back as the twelfth century when a castle was built on the granite outcrop now known as Castle Hill, and for 600 years the village had a weekly market and annual fair. It has always thrived due to its industries – from glove making and hosiery to aeronautical engineering and granite quarrying.

Commenting on the award Geoff Wainwright, Chairman of the Mountsorrel Heritage Group, said: “We are thrilled to have received this support. During the project, volunteers will be able to learn new skills and enjoy new experiences, and I am confident the project will result in an accessible resource for local people to learn about their heritage.”

Notes to editors

Mountsorrel Heritage Group – The group aims to promote an appreciation of the history, heritage, flora and fauna within the local area; and to research, record, keep and preserve all items which relate to the village – whether they be documents, photographs or artefacts and to act as a social focus for everyone who is interested in the history and heritage of the community. Regular exhibitions are held to display the work of the group and the group also maintains a wildlife meadow in the village.

Monthly meetings are held at which talks, presentations or visits to places of interest take place.

Further information

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