

Fernhurst Furnace Preservation Group

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Open Weekend 2018.

September 15th and 16th are not that far away. **Please come** and learn more about the **Furnace Preservation Project** and the **iron industry** in general. We are part of the national **Heritage Open Days** event.

See **Sir Marmaduke Rawdon's Regiment of Foote** re-enacting a skirmish. See the wonderful **Hawking About** flying demonstrations. There are many other interesting attractions as well as refreshments etc.

Gates will be open from 10.30 – 5.00 with **Free parking and Free entrance.**

BUT don't forget that **donations** are gratefully received. Although this is partly an '**awareness raising**' event it is also our only **fund raising** event.

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Engineers' Report. Historic England (HE), asked for an up-to-date **Engineer's Report** with costings of our **Preservation Project**. This was carried out by **SFK Consulting** of Southampton and accepted by Historic England.

Since then **Historic England** has offered a Procurement Grant of **80%** of the cost so we are about to appoint the company to provide a **Project Manager** etc and all final surveys before tendering for **builders** to carry out the main **Repair Project** next year, assuming we can achieve **suitable funding**.

AGM 2018. The Twelfth **FFPG AGM** will be held in the **Fernhurst Centre, Crossfields Shops, Vann Road, Fernhurst**, on **Monday 1st October at 7.30pm**. Following the business there will be a talk on **Gun Founding in the Weald** by **Jeremy Hodgkinson**. Don't miss it, it will be fascinating!

Who wants to help? **Open Weekend** is always a busy time. **Setting up the event** as well as carrying out essential tasks over the weekend needs **people**. If you want to **support the Furnace** please help us at **Open Weekend**. We have a small group of very loyal volunteers but many of us are not getting any younger or fitter. **Please offer to help for just a few hours** - Barnes@haslemere.com and if you aren't fit enough to run around bodily we also love **capable** minds and enthusiasm. **Cake baking** is very acceptable as well!

Northern Sluice
drone photo in 2018

