

Friends of Skelmanthorpe Textile Heritage Centre

Administrative Policies and Statements

The objects of the Friends of Skelmanthorpe Textile Heritage Centre are:-

To preserve and protect the property at 6 Queen Street, Skelmanthorpe and its historic contents as a textile heritage centre for the public benefit, to educate the public regarding the history of the textile industry within the area.

Nothing in this constitution shall authorise an application of the property of the CIO for the purposes which are not charitable in accordance with [section 7 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005] and [section 2 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008]

(Extract from the Constitution)

Membership

Membership of the charity is open to anyone who is interested in furthering its purposes, and who, by applying for membership, has indicated his, her or its agreement to become a member.

A member may be an individual, a corporate body, or an individual or corporate body representing an organisation which is not incorporated.

(Extract from the Constitution)

We are keen to welcome more new friends.

Whether you wish to have a hands on role; occasionally showing groups around, helping to maintain the house (no heavy work involved), learning to operate and demonstrate the hand loom or just want to give moral support to the preservation of this treasure you will be most welcome.

(Extract from general flyer)

Access to the Heritage Centre

Because of the size of the building parties are restricted in general to 10 persons.

However larger parties can be accommodated in conjunction with a local community centre. Details can be arranged to meet particular requirements.

The building by its very nature has access problems for those of limited mobility. It is a one up one down cottage with a rather steep staircase.

However for those who would have problems accessing the upper floor we have a wide screen laptop on which we can show a DVD downstairs of the loom in operation and commentary on the upper floor.

For those with limited vision we do have some tactile exhibits and a guide will be available. (advance notice please to ensure correct number of guides are available).

Children and Vulnerable Adults

We welcome family groups, parties from schools and other organisations on a regular basis.

However all parties have to be supervised by parents, teachers, or carers etc. We regretfully cannot accept unaccompanied groups.

Current Situation (December 2016)

We have now completed the acquisition of the Heritage centre and contents from the Executors of the estate of the late Lesley Robinson. Lesley had rescued the Heritage Centre with the help of fellow enthusiast in the 1970's. We have received funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund to acquire the premises and content and to employ a project officer to help us fulfil the objects of the Centre generally with a 15 month programme to achieve this aim.
