

Institution of Civil Engineers - Scotland Museum

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MUSEUM COMMITTEE - ANNUAL REPORT 2011-12

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Last year we reported that the Committee was pursuing the donation of some items and a cash sum from the Forth Bridges Visitors Centre Trust (FBVCT) which was then in the process of being wound up. These donations were agreed by the FBVCT at its final meeting earlier this year and are now the property of the Museum. The funding is now in HWU Acc: D99WD032 ICE Scotland Museum. As a *quid pro quo* for the donations the Museum is to do what it can, using the donations and its own holdings, to meet the Trust's aim of promoting knowledge of the Forth bridges. The items are:

- A framed oil painting of Sir William Arrol recently refurbished by the Institution (now on display at Heriot-Watt University – SBE William Arrol Meeting Room - WA 311)
- A commemorative framed print of portraits of those involved in constructing the Forth (Rail) Bridge
- A model showing a cross-section through the Forth Road Bridge's main cable

We are also pursuing the loan of a Forth (Rail) Bridge connecting pin from the York Railway Museum which we hope to complete shortly. Other acquisitions for the collection during the year have included, a duplicate in bronze of the Telford 250 plaque unveiled by the Duke of Edinburgh, a 'Stanley Integraph' (c. 1949) and a Tube Extensometer (c. 1930) for measuring shrinkage stresses.

The museum website link is http://www.sbe.hw.ac.uk/ICE_Museum/collection.htm and any comments and suggested improvements about it would be gratefully received. The web site has attracted several public enquiries. More information on some items is still required and there are a few images which require to be added.

The committee is keen to recruit new blood to be involved with the curation and promotion of the collection. Anyone interested in playing such a role should contact me or Professor Roland Paxton.

Finally, we are always looking to enhance our collection and would be pleased to consider accepting any relevant items ICE members or friends may wish to donate.



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