

Institution of Civil Engineers Scotland Museum

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MUSEUM COMMITTEE - ANNUAL REPORT 2020-21

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Museum activities were again badly affected by COVID-19 restrictions this year. The museum was unable to open until September. Unfortunately, this has meant that some presentational aspects of items in the museum reported last year have still not been progressed including plans for the Queensferry Crossing model. Also reported last year were the model of James Watt's flexible water main and a *Demag* joint from the Forth Road Bridge: progress on these continues to have been frustrated by the restrictions.

The curators, however, have not been inactive and have regularly taken part in video conferences to progress a number of issues.

The committee is continuing the process of applying for accreditation with Museums Galleries Scotland.

There have been a few donations/purchases this year; including a scale model at 1:30 of the Wallsend Slipway "Titan" crane made by Sir William Arrol & Co Ltd.

Again, because of the COVID-19 restrictions, this year's Edinburgh Doors Open Day was cancelled by the organiser (The Cockburn Association). We hope to take part next year if the event goes ahead.

The museum is now open again to members of the public. Members and indeed the general public are, as ever, very welcome to visit the museum at any time on weekdays between 9am and 6pm. If anyone would wish a guided tour or indeed has a donation please contact me at the email address below.

The museum began in 1971 and this year celebrates its 50th birthday. To mark the event a short video was prepared. It is titled *Celebrating 50 Years of the ICE Scotland Museum in 20 Objects* and can be viewed from the home page of the museum website.

The museum's website and online catalogue can be found at <https://ice-museum-scotland.hw.ac.uk/>.



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