

From: The Moordown Local History Society

To: Moordown 2010 Committee

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Reference: Equipment Funds

Dear Moordown 2010 Committee,

Just a note to express our gratitude for the funding you have been able to make available to the Moordown Local History Society, which has allowed us to purchase some useful technical equipment, to help at group meetings

Until now, we have been reliant on the kindness of group members to provide projection, computing and scanning equipment, which have made such a difference to the nature of information display, at our group meetings.

Through your funding, we have been able to acquire a Hitachi projector, which enables us to project pages from our website, photos, documents - even video and audio clips - as part of the group meetings.

We are hoping to add to this our own computer, and scanner, in the near future - hopefully again with your kind help.

Our Webmaster and 'technical' chap, Roger Shore, has suggested that we look at acquiring a Chromebook type computer, to store our archives, and use in conjunction with our projector for meeting (and other?) group presentations.

This type of machine offers a couple of features which make it a highly suitable choice for our needs.

Firstly, it's not too expensive (around £230)!. In addition, it offers free online storage for all of our archive material, for the foreseeable future. This 'cloud' storage approach allows for distribution of any of our data to any machine in the world, suitably connected via the internet. So we would not be reliant on any one piece of 'hardware' for any of our archives.

A further highly useful piece of equipment for our needs is a scanner. This allows us to acquire items for the archive, brought into meetings by group members, without them needing to part with precious originals!

In this instance, the concept of the Chromebook does mean that we should need a scanner that is suitable for use with that type of computer. We shall need to find approx £70 for a suitable device.

We are hopeful that the Committee may be able to authorise further funding, to help us with the purchase of these additional items, in the near future?

Once again though, the group is very grateful for the Moordown 2010 Committee's generosity to date.

Thank you

The Moordown Local History Society

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