

Lancashire Family History & Heraldry Society and the Coronavirus Outbreak STATEMENT BY THE LFHHS TRUSTEES ON THE COVID-19 [CORONAVIRUS] OUTBREAK

Statement of LFHHS Trustees made on Monday 16th March 2020

The Society's Trustees have considered the risks presented to our members, and the general public with which they engage, by the imminent escalation of the spread of Covid-19 [Coronavirus]. Most of our members belong to the most vulnerable and high-risk group among the population.

Latest forecasts predict the peak will come during April, the Easter holiday period and afterwards, where the Society has a number of events scheduled, including the Conference and AGM.

Accordingly, the Trustees have decided on the following **precautionary measures** to safeguard our members and volunteers as well as the general public with which they engage in the UK:

Research Centres

The Society Research Centres at Chorley and Oswaldtwistle and at the branches will be closed from Wednesday 18th March 2020 until further notice.

Help Desk

Preston Branch Help Desks in Lancashire Archives will not be open in April and May because of Bank Holidays and a decision on whether the June and subsequent openings will take place will be given in due course.

Cancellation of Meetings

The Trustees have decided, again **as a precautionary measure**, that all Society meetings will be cancelled or suspended from 18th March 2020 until further notice. The Society Annual General Meeting set to take place on 30th May will be postponed until further notice.

Bookshop

Please note that Bookshop orders may be delayed if volunteers are not available to carry them out. Please be patient.

Membership

Registration of new members and some renewals may be delayed longer than normal. Please be patient.

The Trustees have taken these **precautionary steps** solely in the interests of members, their close families and others considered to belong to the category exposed to high risk of infection. It is hoped that normal working can be resumed when health risks diminish before too long. Please consult the Society website or Facebook page for progress reports as the outbreak unfolds.

Sheila Court, Chairman

On behalf of The Trustees of Lancashire Family History & Heraldry Society