

Senhouse Roman Museum, Maryport

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New Chair for Senhouse Roman Museum

Maryport's internationally significant Roman museum has a new Chair. At a recent meeting of the Senhouse Museum Trust Professor David Breeze stepped down as Chair and handed the baton over to Dr. Pete Wilson. Professor Breeze oversaw a period when the Museum and Trust worked together to grow the museum and put it on a stronger foundation. David Breeze has been a trustee of the Senhouse Museum Trust since it was established in 1985. He has served as President of the Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian and Archaeological Society and retains strong links with the area.

Dr Pete Wilson is a specialist in the archaeology of Roman Britain, and in particular that of Northern England. He was formerly Head of Research Policy (Roman Archaeology) and, in that connection amongst others, has been involved with the archaeology of Roman Maryport for many years in an advisory role. After taking redundancy in 2016 he became an independent Archaeological Consultant prior to becoming a Trustee of both the Senhouse Roman Museum and the Vindolanda Charitable Trust. He has published widely on Roman-period archaeology.

Quote from Dr. Pete Wilson:

'The Senhouse Roman collection is unique and of international importance. It was a privilege to be asked to become a Trustee and as Chair of Trustees I can only hope that we can continue to raise the profile of the collection and ensure that the Museum both remains sustainable and continues to develop to the benefit of West Cumbria's Roman past.'

Quote from Professor David Breeze:

'I have thoroughly enjoyed my 5 years as chair of the Senhouse Museum Trust and am delighted to be passing on a strong team of trustees to my successor, Dr Pete Wilson.'

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The Senhouse Roman Museum is one of ten Roman museums in the Hadrian's Wall World Heritage Site.

The museum cares for and displays the Netherhall Collection and other collections of Romano-British objects from West Cumbria. It develops permanent and temporary exhibitions, has a growing public engagement programme of events and activities for the general public, specialist groups and education groups, and a proactive research programme on the collection and the site it was recovered from.

The Netherhall Collection, which was begun by the Senhouse family in the 1570s, is the oldest private collection in the country, and is of international importance.

The museum displays the largest group of Roman military altar stones and inscriptions from any site in Britain and unique examples of Romano-British religious sculpture.

It is run by the Senhouse Museum Trust (Registered Charity no 5107910).