

E mail received from Mr Charles Harrington April 26th 2019

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Dear Richard,

I don't know whether this is the appropriate time of year to be making this request but here goes.

As you know, the History Society in Bigbury is considerably active for such a small community. We have several talks over the Winter and our two or three outings in the Summer are particularly popular. Also, we look after and maintain the Archive, which was so brilliantly put together by Roger Grimley.

Like everyone else these days we use IT in most facets of our activities, not least in power point presentations at our meetings. We use a PC which either belongs to one of the Committee or is borrowed from Phil Shea. It would be great if we could have our own PC, dedicated to the Society. This would be especially useful now as we try to digitalise as much of the Archive as possible.

Would the Council be prepared to make a grant to us to enable us to purchase this ? I estimate that a decent model would cost between £400 and £500, inclusive of the various software licences.

I attach a copy of the latest accounts (to 31st March 2109). As you can see, we have just enough saved to fund the purchase ourselves but this would virtually clean us out and this amount has been accumulated over several years.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Richard Matthews - Clerk, Bigbury Parish
Council