

Report: Contributing towards the cost of the materials for the mosaic decoration on the Town Council Hare

In December the Town Council met to choose the artist to decorate our hare for the Cotswold Hare Trail 2017 and we chose an artist that would decorate the hare in mosaic. When the Committee met the artist to discuss the design, the question of the cost of materials was not thoroughly discussed.

Subsequently it emerged that the artist had spent a considerable sum on the materials (circa £600 excluding the glass birds that were donated by another local artist) and as a result we decided not to place the hare in the memorial garden where it would be exposed overnight (it is too valuable!) and we agreed to make a contribution to the cost of the materials that were used. We deferred making an agreement about the sum of that contribution until the new committee was convened.

I asked the artist for a list/account of materials used and she gave me an account of the cost of purchases that had been used in their entirety (attached). Where there are still some materials left from the package purchased by the artist, these purchases are not listed. The artist has given me copies of the invoices to share.

I would like the committee to agree a sum to subsidise the artist for her purchase of materials to decorate our hare. There are a couple of considerations to be taken into account though.

- The artist will be paid 10% of the sum that is made at the auction of the hare.
- The auction is on the 6th of October 2017
- The artist has said that if the payment she receives from the auction of the hare exceeds the contribution that the Town Council has paid, she plans to pay some (or even all) of the contribution back to us (or make a donation of that sum at our request).