



# Land Settlement Association

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### Headline News

## Update on the LSA House The LSA website

### The LSA House

As you know an LSA House (No 144) was dismantled in 2017 and is currently in storage at the Weald and Downland Living Museum.

I met with Simon Wardell, the Museum's Director, last week and here is the news we have all been waiting for:

**The rebuild of the LSA House is now part of the museum's capital programme and a possible site has already been identified.** All subject to funding of course, but this is very encouraging news - watch this space.

Once rebuilt the house will be a permanent home for the LSA story – not just Sidlesham, but all 20 LSAs which operated all over across the country.

### The LSA website

The stories keep coming via the website. Most recently Roger Swabey, lorry driver, Richard Littler (son of Bernard No 43 and grandson of Bill No 32) and Tony Collyer, son of Tractor Driver Reg at No 77,

In July Roger Hart visited from New York. I was able to take him to Batchmere House where he had been born in 1947 where his father Andrew lived as a general manager on the LSA, having previously worked on Yeldham LSA in Suffolk.



## Other LSA related news

### Sidlesham Heritage Centre

Unfortunately this year we lost Len Doubledam (No 74). Len arrived on the LSA in 1975 from Holland and became a Sidlesham Grower at the closure in 198. He sold flowers from the roadside for a £1 a bunch for as long as anyone can remember, although the bunches did get smaller over time!

### Charlie Roe Gallery

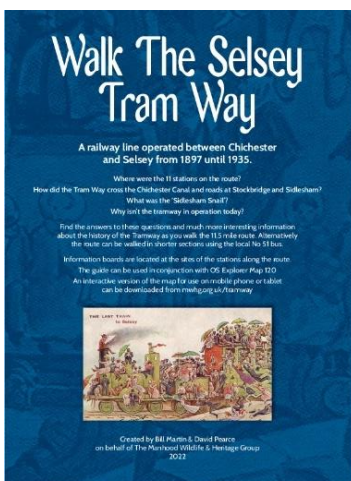
Charlie was a member of Chichester Camera Club and had a keen interest in local history. A selection of his photographs are on display in the memorial hall in Sidlesham. Another way of promoting the LSA story.

### Presentations

Prior to the pandemic I did 40 LSA presentations to local history, WI and gardening groups. They have now resumed with Chichester History Society (September 2023) & Donnington Garden Club (March 2024).

## Other Local Heritage News

Remember the LSA exhibition at the Novium in Chichester? There will now be another one - This time on The Selsey Tramway from the second half of 2024 until March 2026. We are currently working on a film to accompany the exhibition.



[www.mwhg.org.uk/tramway](http://www.mwhg.org.uk/tramway)



Copies of the heritage trail leaflet can be downloaded from the website or purchased from RSPB Visitors Centre Pagham Harbour, Selsey Town Hall, The Novium and the café at Chichester Canal Basin as well as the Colonel Stephens Railway Museum in Tenterden.

Directional signage has been attached to WSCC footpath posts. Information boards are available at points of interest along the route, including the 11 stations and an interactive map is available on the website.

Let me know if you would like to be added to the circulation list of Selsey Tram Way Bulletin.

## Season Greetings

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Thank you for all your continued support and assistance with this project.

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