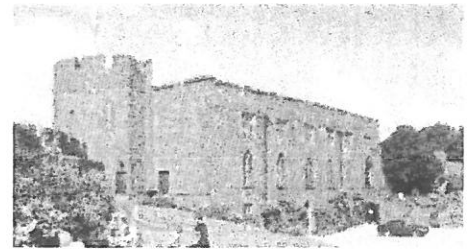


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Miss A. Wilson
Town Clerk
Bridgnorth ~~District~~ ^{Town} Council
~~Sevenside House,
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1st May 2017

Dear Ms Wilson,

KOSHA Fundraising

At the beginning of our Fundraising campaign last year, I sent an e-mail to all Shropshire Town and Parish Councils enclosing a letter (copy attached) asking if your Council might be in a position to offer a little help. The campaign is now drawing to a close and an amount of just over £16,000 will shortly be handed to the Museum. Several Councils in Telford have responded to my request and have contributed to this total - sadly, the only contribution from wider Shropshire has been from Shrewsbury Town Council with a quite magnificent sum. Before we finally close, therefore, I am writing to one or two of the Town Councils of Shropshire asking if you have had an opportunity to consider our request and look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely,

Shirley Gallaway
Secretary – KOSHA

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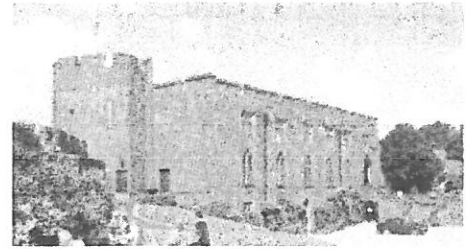
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Dear Councillors,

Shropshire Regimental Museum

I have sent this letter via an e-mail to your Council Clerk in the hope that you might be able to consider at your meeting my request for support and possibly a small donation. We were very grateful that some Shropshire Councils donated extremely generously when our committee (in a different guise) were collecting to place a memorial to the KSLI at the National Memorial Arboretum - this was achieved in May 2015.

Our Regimental Museum is to be found in the confines of Shrewsbury Castle and is regarded as one of the finest in the country – truly, the regiments whose histories are displayed within see it as doing them proud. Even after extensive damage caused by an IRA bomb in 1992, Museum staff, together with a not inconsiderable number of specialist organisations and artisans, managed to restore it to its former glory within 5 years by incredibly dedicated hard work. Sadly, the Ministry of Defence have decided to withdraw the funding to all Regimental Museums which will see Shrewsbury with a shortfall of around £30,000 per annum. I am writing now on behalf of the KOSHA Committee who represent a group of Kings' Shropshire Light Infantry Veterans who have joined together to seek support from all their comrades and other veterans and as many Shropshire based organisations as possible to try to bridge the shortfall gap. Running costs for the actual Museum must be found by the Trustees through private donations, a small shop selling memorabilia and various fund-raising activities.

We believe that it will be a rare indigenous Shropshire family with no link to this museum, covering as it does the history of the KSLI/Light Infantry from formation in Bridgnorth in 1755 and Shrewsbury in 1759 (53rd and 85th of foot respectively) right up to the present day, together with the Shropshire Yeomanry and Royal Horse Artillery. I thank you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely,

Shirley Gallaway

Secretary KOSHA

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