

PRESS RELEASE

We are pleased to announce the appointment of a new Director for Chawton House Library.

Heather Shearer is an experienced charity CEO with considerable management experience. She joined the Library last year in the role of Operations Manager, as part of a wider strengthening of the management team, and took on her new role in July, when the Acting Director, Graeme Cottam, decided to step down.

“We have a great opportunity to bring our passion for early English women’s writing to the widest audience,” says Heather Shearer. “Chawton House Library is a very special project that allows people to achieve a real understanding of the historical context of these women writers and also to benefit from the latest academic research.”

The trustees and staff at Chawton House Library are grateful for Graeme Cottam’s dedicated service for the past two years as Acting Director of the charity. Graeme’s intent was always to provide leadership for as long as it took to build the structural framework and staffing necessary to carry out Chawton House Library’s mission and vision, and then to return to his more diverse interests.

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