



## *Wirt Ghawdex*

### **Press Release**

#### **Cooperation between Wirt Ghawdex and Heritage Malta**

Representatives of Wirt Ghawdex recently held a meeting with the Chairman and Chief Executive of Heritage Malta to discuss ways of cooperating in preserving the cultural heritage of Gozo and increasing the public's awareness of the patrimony of the island. Information was given about the on-going restoration projects of the society, viz. the Mgarr ix-Xini Tower and the only surviving Dghajsa tal-latini in the Maltese islands, and its plans for other projects in the pipe-line, such as the restoration of the Santa Cecilia Chapel. Wirt Ghawdex offered the services of its members in opening sites falling under the responsibility of Heritage Malta in Gozo and not normally accessible to the public. Dr. Mario Tabone, Chairman of Heritage Malta, emphasized the importance of the role of NGO's in the preservation of the huge patrimony of the Maltese islands and expressed the agency's readiness to cooperate in such matters.

As a first gesture of such cooperation, Wirt Ghawdex presented Heritage Malta with a number of informative leaflets, targeting primary school students, depicting insects found in our natural habitat, for free distribution from the Museum of Natural History in the Citadel. Some old cottage furniture will also be donated in the near future by the society to be displayed in the "Ta' Kola" Windmill at Xaghra.

Secretary  
Wirt Ghawdex  
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