

Dear All,

The Baroque on Lamma (BoL) team wishes to express its deepest condolence to the victims and families of the recent vessel collision off Lamma Island.

We are pleased to up-date you regularly through the BoL Newsletter. Let's stay in touch. We will continue to share the project's latest news and related information through this platform and our official website (www.bol-hk.com). If you have any suggestions or enquiries about the BoL, please feel free to contact us through enquiry@bol-hk.com.

BoL has developed a pilot project to restore two small village buildings in Yung Shue Ha Village and has appointed a Conservation Architect to undertake the task. Starting from mid-August, a small device has also been installed at Yung Shue Ha Village to measure the general wind and solar resources that can be utilised in the area. In this issue of BoL Newsletter, we are also looking into the problem of lack of medical facilities in Southern Lamma.

Pilot Project at Yung Shue Ha “Old” Village

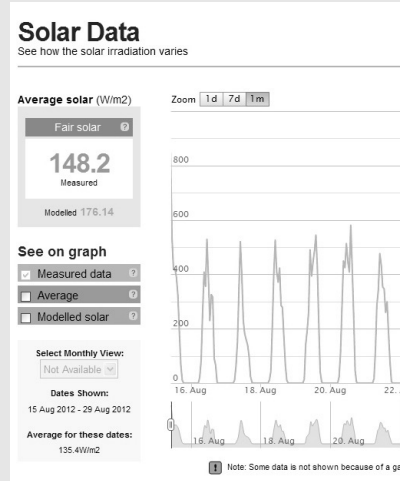
If you have ever hiked from Tung O to Mo Tat Wan, you should have passed by a row of dilapidated houses after passing through the Yung Shue Ha Village. They are actually remains of “old” Yung Shue Ha Village where the Chow's clan came to settle about 200 years ago. They had subsequently moved closer to the sea in the existing “new village”. Being close to the beach where many Hong Kong people used to come for BBQ and swimming many years ago, Yung Shue Ha Village was once thriving with many road side kiosks. However, as the number of visitors dwindles in recent years, most of these kiosks had shut down and villagers moved out to the city for jobs.

In an effort to preserve the cultural heritage of Southern Lamma, we propose to restore two of the small village buildings at Yung Shue Ha “Old” Village to set up a small visitor centre to display Lamma settlement history. These buildings are now lying in ruins and we have appointed a Conservation Architect to prepare the restoration plan for approval by Government. Meanwhile, a small stone plaque has been set up at the site to provide a brief background history of these buildings (shown on above). We also plan to put the farmland in front of these houses to meaningful uses. Your suggestions are welcome.



Measure Our Renewable Energy Resources

We believe in harnessing natural resources to reduce carbon footprint of a settlement. For this we need to gather data for the locality. A small device has now been installed on top of a village building at Yung Shue Ha Village to measure wind and solar resources throughout the year. It is a trial installation and we do encounter some technical problems at this initial stage. However, when these are overcome and the device works satisfactorily, we hope to be able to find more suitable locations in the future so that a finer information grid is available to those who want to lead a “green” er life. The solar and wind resources data collected by the device will be compiled into monthly statistics showing the actual daily and seasonal variations. These site specific data will reflect the influence of site topography and provide us with a reliable basis to consider the types of suitable renewable energy capturing devices for the location. This monthly statistics reports will be available to those who are interested but we must emphasise that the data must be used and interpreted with care (A sample of the monthly report is as per figure).



Lack of Medical Facilities in Southern Lamma

Residents of Southern Lamma Island have to cope with inadequate infrastructures due to its sparse and widely spread out population. They are especially vulnerable when sudden illness or accident strikes. This is because there are only one health centre and one clinic in Lamma and they are all located in Northern Lamma.

An unfortunate incident happened a few weeks ago when an old villager suffered heart attack while fishing. It took nearly two hours before medical help arrived and another two hours to send him to a hospital. Sadly, he passed away after 2 days of hospitalisation. Understandably, the dilemma is whether the operation should be placed where most people are located but people living in remote area has as much need for speedy rescue as anyone anywhere. That is why many villagers living in Southern Lamma want to see development there because it can improve the public facilities, apart from jobs, available to the residents. So while we treasure the tranquility and natural beauty of Lamma Island, let's not forget the genuine needs of the local residents.



**Yours Sincerely,
The Baroque on Lamma**