



SANDWICH GUILDHALL PROJECT NEWS

Welcome to the fourth edition of the Guildhall Project Newsletter!

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THE GUILDHALL PROJECT - HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND APPLICATION

The Guildhall project, which forms part of 'A New Vision for Sandwich', is really starting to take shape.

The Sandwich Town Council Heritage Development Officer, Mady Outen, has been continuing to work on the plan for the exciting activities which will take place in the Guildhall building. A wide range of consultation has taken place, but new ideas and thoughts are always welcome! More news about how you can get involved later in the newsletter.

The aim is to create an engaging and accessible Heritage Hub within the Guildhall, with exciting activities for all to enjoy. The archives collection will be protected and will be more publicly accessible. There will be spaces for learning and engagement, so more activities and sessions can be offered for all ages.

This project will only be possible with the support of external funders, and the intention is to submit an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund. A recent meeting was held with the Regional Heritage Lottery Fund Officer. It was agreed that the application will be in 2 phases with the aim to submit the first phase of the application in Spring 2018. If the first phase application is successful the Heritage Lottery Fund will release a first percentage of money to support the development of the second phase.

Community support and engagement is key for the success of the application, so if you are interested, please do come forward and volunteer!

THE GUILDHALL FORECOURT

The Guildhall Project will also include proposals for the forecourt, the bus stops, and the zebra crossing, to help improve the area for events, cafe culture, the markets, and general accessibility. Building upon the previous work carried out through 'A New Vision for Sandwich', a design team will shortly be appointed to develop plans for the forecourt area. These proposals will form part of an application to the Coastal Community Fund in the new year.

CONSULTATION

Many residents, visitors, business and staff have already joined in with the various consultation events which have taken place. Many more have also signed up for updates via Keep Me Posted through the Dover DC website. In connection with the Guildhall building, as a result of previous consultation, initial ideas have been pulled together for the collections, and the building itself. We would love to share these ideas with you, hear your ideas, whether you currently use the Guildhall or not. If you would be interested in joining any consultation groups, please contact Mady Outen at museum@sandwichtowncouncil.gov.uk for more information.

We recently met with the Dover District Disability Association and discussed with their members setting up an Accessibility Forum to ensure that the proposals for both the Guildhall building and the Guildhall forecourt take the needs of disabled people into account. If you are interested in joining in, the disability forum is being held in the Guildhall on Saturday 2nd December.

HIGHWAYS

As part of 'A New Vision for Sandwich', residents have previously given their views on a number of changes to road layouts in Sandwich. Some have been put in place already, at the entrances to the town, on New Street and at Breezy Corner. KCC Highways will shortly be exploring the next proposal which relates to Market Street.

A Kent County Council engineer will be visiting Sandwich to assess safety considerations and provide a cost for any necessary signage and associated works. They will also consider access to both the Butchery and Potter St as part of the proposal.

The outcome of this assessment will be presented to the board of A New Vision for Sandwich. If a workable solution is possible, then a formal consultation will follow with any works expected to begin within the New Year.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sandwich Christmas Lights workshops:

Sandwich Community Lights Committee are holding workshops with Helena Leeper for children and families to make Snowflakes and lanterns to walk with in Sandwich Christmas Lights Parade on Saturday 25th November 2017. The workshops run each Saturday on the 4th, 11th and 18th of November. There is a small charge of £3.

ST MARYS COMMUNITY OPEN DAY:

The St Marys Community Open day is being held on Saturday 18th November 10am – 4pm at St Marys Arts Centre, Sandwich. There will be Lantern making, local history memory box, chocolate fountain, storytelling, stone carving, guided tours, craft stalls, face painting, medieval music and much more for all ages.



You are warmly invited to
St Mary's Community Open Day
 Saturday 18th November, 10am – 4pm

at St Mary's Arts Centre, Sandwich

We'll have a range of FREE activities & performances for all ages

Lantern making, local history memory box, chocolate fountain, storytelling, stone carving, guided tours, craft stalls, face painting, medieval music and lots more!



Welcome to a day of discovery and imagination!

FREE activities and performances for all ages

The doors are open for your ideas and enjoyment. What can this unique historic building in the heart of Sandwich offer to the community?

Could your idea be the future?

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