

Interim Update

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Celebrating successes

Over £20,000's worth of pro bono work to date on the project has enabled the Tithe Barn Trust to be 'grant ready', including a Feasibility Study by Purcell Architects, a draft lease review by Eversheds Sutherland and an Interim Historic Building Report by Dr Menuge of the University of Cambridge.

Recent research suggests the Landbeach Tithe Barn should be considered for an enhanced listing to Grade II*. The Historic Building Report highlighted the barn may date from the Medieval period and be earlier than the 16th Century listing suggests. Dr Adam Menuge, President of the Vernacular Architecture Group and Course Director of the Masters in Building History at the University of Cambridge, has commented "The survival of a medieval rectory with a roughly contemporary tithe barn is, I believe, an exceptional circumstance".

Tithe Barn Trust awarded grant

The Architectural Heritage Fund awarded the Tithe Barn Trust a Project Viability grant of £2,100. This was used as match funding for a Structural Condition Survey, Architect concept designs for proposed new elements and Quantity Surveyor Costings.

Banked private pledges

Support from the local community has been shown for the Tithe Barn Trust and Tithe Barn project through strong letters of support and we have now banked £60,000 of private donor pledges.

Grants applications update

We were delighted to be sent a Project Development grant award letter for £24,300 from the Architectural Heritage Fund on 22/06/17; however, this was subject to us being successful with our Heritage Lottery Fund round 1 bid. Sadly we were unsuccessful with our first submission to the HLF and are reviewing feedback and now considering a second bid. We have also now opened



discussions with the Country Houses Foundation for a £60,000 grant. It is our aim for capital works to begin in 2019, as per our brief to the Morton Partnership, Structural Engineers, who carried out the condition survey in January 2017.

Planning Pre-application

The Tithe Barn Trust submitted a planning Pre-app, as per a grant requirement, and met with Karen Pell-Coggins on Monday 19th June. At the meeting we discussed our outline proposal which we believe is sensitive and essential to enable the retention of a unique heritage asset for the benefit of the public.

Tithe Barn Events

The Tithe Barn Trust is delighted to announce that we are one of the Fen Edge Festival's nominated good causes for 2017 and is to receive a £600 grant from the Festival Organisers, the Fen Edge Community Association. The Tithe Barn Trust welcomed over 100 visitors as part of the festival in June.

We are taking part in Heritage Open Days 2017 and will be opening the Tithe Barn on Saturday 9th September to take advantage of the publicity this national scheme receives.

Tithe Barn publicity

The project continues to receive wide coverage and so far this year includes Cambridge News online 15/01/17, BBC Look East Breakfast news 27/01/17, Ely Standard online 21/03/17, Cambridge Independent 29/03/17 and That's Cambridge TV 24/04/17.

Next steps

We continue to work as per our project plan and welcome SCDC's focus on working with us and the Ely Diocesan Board of Finance concerning access to the barn from Waterbeach Road and the variation of the Covenant regarding alcohol. We look forward to signing the Lease.

