

## Interim Update

Registered Charity Number 1167108

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#### Heritage Lottery Fund Meeting & Funding Plan

The Tithe Barn Trust met with the Heritage Lottery Fund on 4<sup>th</sup> October, following their Project Enquiry Form submission. A project total of £600k was discussed with a proposed grant bid of £400k from HLF. Discussions have also been opened with Amey for £100k, plus £30k from the Architectural Heritage Fund. The Tithe Barn Trust intends to submit their HLF round 1 bid in March 2017, with a decision in June 2017. If successful, a further development phase would take place before their round 2 submission. This community project offers to breathe new life into this listed building and to provide it with a sustainable future. The initial meeting went well.

#### Gift Aid registered

The Tithe Barn Trust is now registered for gift aid, so your donations can go even further. Make a pledge today at [www.tithebarntrust.org.uk/make-a-pledge/](http://www.tithebarntrust.org.uk/make-a-pledge/)

#### Public Consultation

Our June celebratory event kick-started a phased public consultation on what community use the public would like to see this unique Tithe Barn used for once restored. Our survey was highlighted in the Cambridge News.

#### Statement of Significance

Our thanks go to SCDC for beginning the Tithe Barn's Statement of Significance. Further thanks go to Tithe Barn Trust Committee Member Dr Ray Gambell for completing the draft with further research and a bibliography.

#### Beach Babies visit

The Tithe Barn Trust was excited to welcome Pre-schoolers from Beach Babies, Children's Nursery, on 10<sup>th</sup> and 31st October, to the Tithe Barn. This is a timely opportunity for the children to visit as Beach Babies is participating in the BRIC project 'Young Children, Public Spaces and Democracy'



led by Professor Tim Waller at Anglia Ruskin University. The project is exploring a child's need for sustained and frequent engagement in public spaces and the Tithe Barn can offer this. Public access and education are key to the Tithe Barn Trust's aims.

### **Waterbeach Road Access**

An initial meeting was held with the Land Agent for the Ely Diocese Board of Finance to discuss acquiring additional land to widen and resurface the existing grassed access track to the Tithe Barn. Our primary concern is to enable emergency vehicle access.

### **Landbeach Society Talk**

In September the Tithe Barn Trust gave a talk regarding their future plans and hopes for Tithe Barn to the Landbeach Society. The talk was open to all members of public, not just society members, and was well received.

### **Work currently underway**

We're currently working on a number of areas, including our Architectural Heritage Fund Project Viability grant application, our Heritage Lottery Fund round 1 bid, an Outline Feasibility Study and Business Plan.

### **Next steps**

We continue to work as per our project plan and welcome SCDC's focus on access to the barn and the variation of the Covenant regarding alcohol. We look forward to signing the Lease.

