



News from the Bampton Heritage & Visitor Centre – February 2019

The Heritage Centre opened its doors again in early January after a short Christmas break and already we've been welcoming plenty of visitors. Several new volunteers have joined us over the winter and we're all looking forward to a busy 2019.

We've been making good progress behind the scenes with 'Our Buildings' project and after visiting a selection of properties around the town, we're now doing some research into their history and will be putting together an exhibition for Spring.

We're focussing on how properties have changed over time; architectural styles, building use and social impact. The exhibition will comprise interpretation boards, maps and photos, a research folder and some oral history recordings of residents recalling the changes they have witnessed in their lifetimes. We will also be producing a new themed town trail leaflet and developing a guided town trail based upon what we have learnt about the fascinating history of our buildings. A new film will follow later in the year.

The project is being supported by a grant of £3,600 from the Heritage lottery Fund and it is hoped that it will inspire a better understanding and appreciation of our town's rich heritage.

If you have any knowledge or documents/photos relating to our buildings or our town's heritage we'd love to hear from you. Call Katrina on 01398 332486 or email bamptonheritage@btinternet.com

For those who are visiting or living locally and are able to walk around the town, the Heritage and Visitor Centre offers Guided Town Trails throughout the year. Call into the centre which is open Thursday-Saturday 11am to 3pm or call Wendy Boothroyd to enquire 01398 331219.

We seek to encourage local groups to come to the town for a visit, talk or guided town trail. The Tiverton U3A are coming to visit in early February and we're arranging a visit and talk in April for another U3A group called 'Exploring churches' with a particular interest in the history of the church.

Any enquiries can be sent to bamptonheritage@btinternet.com or calling Katrina on 01398 332486.