



Watson's Free Infant School







- Built in 1786, town's first school for poor children
- Closed in 1918
- Horncastle Photographic Society's base 1963-2019





'Future for Watson's Yard' Project

- Feasibility study on options for turning the building into a community arts & heritage centre
- building condition survey
- review of how we care for our Town Archives









Project Timescale

- Oct 2019, consultation with stakeholders and community
- Develop options with Heritage Lincolnshire and consult in February 2020, feasibility study complete end of March
- March-Sept 2020 begin fundraising









Aims for the Arts & Heritage Centre

- A facility for the whole community not just our Society
- flexible main space for exhibitions, art classes, talks and meetings
- Not a museum of static cases, but interactive and making use of new technologies
- new use that's sustainable in terms of volunteers & resources
- Preserve the building's character







Option 1 – Reinstate front door & refurbish













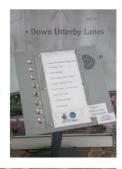






Digital Displays

Bring history to life with digital displays of archives, artefacts & oral history









Interactive

Help younger visitors engage with

history through

hands-on activities











Archive Displays

Showcase archives and collection on walls and front of the cupboards









Storage

New storage cupboards to protect archive and cases for displays











Option 2 – Option 1 + Reinstate attic & stairs

Stairs New stairs inserted to access the attic space









Teacher's bedroom
Decorate one end of the room as a 19th century teacher's bedroom.
Restore original fireplace.













art/collection











We want your ideas! horncastlecivic.org.uk info@horncastlecivic.org.uk

