



St Andrew's Church, Soham: Keeping the water out and bringing the community in

Project Plan

- **When?** Give us the dates you expect the activity to start and end. Please list you activities in chronological order.
- **What?** List the individual activities you will do to achieve your project outcomes. Use target numbers where possible.
- **Where?** Tell us where the activity will take place.
- **Who will carry out the activity?** Tell us who will be responsible for managing the activity (for example, project officer, young people, or a named partner organisation).
- **Who is the activity for?** Tell us who the activity is aimed at (for example, a particular group of people, local schoolchildren, visitors to a museum etc.).
- **What will you achieve?** Explain in detail what you will achieve by doing the activity.

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1. October/ November 2018	Project Interpretation Design and purchase interpretative materials to explain the building works. These will include a large banner for the cordoned off area, signs and a small number of poster, leaflets and press releases.	St Andrew's Church, local press	Heritage Project Co-ordinator, liaising with churchwardens, Parochial Church Council and Diocesan Communications Team	General public - people visiting the church, using the public footpath through the churchyard and public spaces nearby.	This will support ongoing communication about the project with the church community and wider public. The heritage will be better explained, people will be better informed about the works being carried out, and the community will feel more involved in their local area and will be more likely to offer support.
2. October 2018	Clear debris from roofs and parapets and to continue to clear regularly until pigeons' pattern of use is disrupted.	St Andrew's Church	Contractor, supervised by architect and specialist bird	All those who use the building	This will make it possible to undertake repairs to gutters and leadwork and assess the need for future works, as the defects are currently obscured by guano and



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	This is a specialist task requiring PPE due to the amount of accumulated pigeon droppings on the roof.		control adviser		nesting materials.
3. October /November 2018	Install pigeon deterrents and repair gutters/downpipes/drainage	St Andrew's Church	Contractor, supervised by architect and specialist bird control adviser	All those who use the building	This will keep the pigeons from perching and nesting on the building, allowing rainwater once again to be directed away from the building fabric.
4. September – November 2018	Project Q&A Deliver Q&A sessions for a maximum of 20 people at the start of the capital works. The focus will be on the heritage and history of the church architecture, and the current and future repair works and ongoing maintenance needs.	St Andrew's Church and churchyard	Coordinated by Heritage Project Co-ordinator, with sessions to be delivered by project architect and bird control consultant.	Local residents, St Andrew's congregation, historic building enthusiasts.	Sessions will continue project communication and maintain relationships with the local community. Attendees gain knowledge and understanding of the building and its care, and have greater appreciation and enthusiasm for historic architecture and a local landmark. The heritage will be better explained and interpreted; key features and issues will be better identified to new and existing audiences, which will lead to changes in behaviour and attitudes to build support for ongoing repairs.
5. October 2018 onwards	Education Working Group Continue to develop partnerships with four local schools by establishing an education working group.	Meetings to be held at St Andrew's	Heritage Project Co-ordinator, Vicar of St Andrew's Church, teachers	Local teachers, school children and, in the future, other local	Strong relationships and partnership working will be developed between local heritage and schools. Children will have a better understanding



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	The group will meet on a termly basis to discuss current activities and identify opportunities for the future, in particular National Children's University, CPD Training for teachers on using local heritage resources in the curriculum.	Church and Vicarage, and /or local schools.	from the Staploe Education Trust and St Andrew's Primary School.	heritage groups.	of their local heritage and will gain a sense of pride in where they live. Teachers will be more confident in using local heritage in curriculum delivery. Parents and carers will become more aware of the church and change their perspective of what the building and their local heritage has to offer.
6. November 2018	Soham Remembers A 2-week exhibition of poppies knitted by local people, including concert and Remembrance Sunday services. We will develop this project to include local schools in the research of soldiers from Soham, creating a display of their work. We will also make the connection to the 'pigeons project' through the role of animals, including pigeons, in the war. Purple knitted poppies will commemorate animals who died. 120 Year 6 pupils will be involved.	Local schools and St Andrew's Church	Soham Remembers Local Community Group to lead activity. Other partners include Soham Knit and Knatter, Staploe Education Trust and St Andrew's Primary School. Heritage Project Co-ordinator to assist.	This aspect of the project is aimed at school children and local families, but the whole project is aimed at the wider local community.	Children will have a better understanding of their local heritage and how it relates to the national story of the First World War. Children will gain a sense of pride in where they live. Communication of the building works will help where local opinion on pigeons and their control are divided; attitudes will change and result in a better understanding of and appreciation for, the maintenance and repair of heritage buildings.
7. November 2018	Winter Fayre This annual fayre coincides with St Andrew's Day this year. We will celebrate the heritage and tradition of Saints' Days by providing family orientated activities and	St Andrew's Church and churchyard	Heritage Project Co-ordinator working with the Winter Fayre volunteer team, with support from	Residents from Soham and surrounding areas, visitors to the town.	The history, heritage, tradition and links to other countries will be better explained, engaging a wide range of people in an enjoyable experience. This activity will help to give the building a personality within the local community,



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	interpretation about St Andrew and traditions around the world. We aim to engage with a minimum of 100 people during the event.		the Soham Heritage and Tourism Group.		which will help to change attitudes and behaviours and give people a stronger sense of belonging/pride in the area.
8. Spring term 2019 onwards	<p>Maths in Church/Churchyard Broaden the curriculum offer to local schools by using the church as a resource and inspiration for maths activities. We will develop an education pack to be used by all local schools, with a focus on topics such as shapes and space, measurements, estimation, angles, symmetry, Roman numerals, coordinates and number sequences. Pilot with 3 classes across the key stages, total of 90 pupils, with the aim to roll out into all local schools; CPD training to 10 members of school staff will accompany this.</p>	St Andrew's Church, and local schools	Local Primary Schools and Heritage Project Co-ordinator	Local school children and teachers	The church building will be identified as a valuable resource for teaching. Children will develop skills and apply their learning to real-life situations, and learn how it relates to occupations such as architects and engineers. Teacher will develop skills in using heritage places as a broad resource. Children, teachers, parents and carers will learn about the value and wider use of heritage buildings.
9. November 2018 – March 2019. Activities to continue after project according to	<p>Discover Soham Church Trails Two heritage trails will be developed and delivered as walking tours and self-guided leaflets. The two walks will be for a maximum of 15 people, with 250 leaflets for each trail being printed and made available in St Andrew's and other local heritage,</p>	St Andrew's Churchyard and environs	Soham Heritage and Tourism Group with support from the Heritage Project Co-ordinator.	Heritage and local history enthusiasts.	The history and heritage of the church and its connection to the surrounding area will be better interpreted. The secret tunnels will be identified, recorded and better understood. People will learn about local heritage and have an enjoyable experience. Partnership with Soham Heritage and Tourism Group and will be strengthened,



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demand/ interest.	tourist and community sites. Themes: <i>Tales of the Churchyard</i> – exploring the stories of some of Soham’s past residents. <i>Soham’s Secret Tunnels</i> - exploring the tunnels rumoured to lead from the former St Andrews’ Vicarage.				with the potential for further activities to help interpret the church and wider village in order to engage more people.
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11. Saturday 2nd and Sunday (World Wildlife Day) 3rd March 2019	Wild about Churches To organise and deliver a family activity weekend themed around wildlife in churches, not just pigeons, but all wildlife that find churches such appealing habitats. Interpretation, activities, stalls and exhibits from a range of wildlife organisations will explore the what, where, how and why of animals such as pigeons, bats,	St Andrew’s Church and churchyard	Heritage Project Co-ordinator, with support from Soham Heritage and Tourism Group and church volunteers. Heritage Project Co-ordinator to engage with Soham	Local families, local residents and wider general public.	Successful delivery of these events will engage new and existing audiences in the heritage in new, enjoyable ways. It will also support partnerships being forged with local schools. People will learn about both the built and natural heritage and how the two relate, which will change behaviours and attitudes among some people. People will feel more involved in what’s



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	owls, beetles, bees and the effects they can have on buildings and what can be done. A minimum of 100 hundred people will be engaged in activities such as animal identification tables (tracks, poo etc...) information boards, crafts, churchyard trails (welly walks), birds of prey displays, Q&A time with animal experts including bird control consultant.		Ecology Group and local Wildlife Trust. Schools will support by encouraging attendance from parents/carers.		going on in their area, feel a greater pride in their local community and support future events and activities at St Andrew's Church.