



About Us

Formed in 2019, Bourne Town Hall Trust is a registered charity working to restore and transform The Old Town Hall into a welcoming centre for arts, heritage and entertainment in the heart of Bourne. Our aim is to give this much-loved historic building a sustainable future, creating a place for the whole community to connect through the arts and explore the heritage of the building and its visitors.

Our building and its future

Opened in 1821, The Old Town Hall was built by public subscription on land gifted to the town by the Marquis of Exeter. Over the years, it has served as a courthouse, a covered market, council offices and even as a home for the local fire brigade.

With the support of a £3.3 million grant from The National Lottery Heritage Fund, we are restoring the building for a new chapter as a safe, welcoming venue for the whole community. The project will reinstate the clock tower, improve accessibility and create flexible spaces for performances, events and community activities.

The refurbished Old Town Hall will offer live music, theatre, film, heritage activities, and learning activities. Its bar, café facilities, and private hire, will complement this programme and generate income to support the centre's long-term sustainability.

Our people and values

The project has been driven by a team of dedicated volunteer trustees and a committed team of volunteers, supported by funders, donors and the wider community. Volunteers have contributed their time, skills and ideas through events, fundraising, heritage research and many other activities. As we build our staff team, their contribution will remain essential to the life of the Old Town Hall.

The Trust's core values are encompassed in the following: -

Welcoming: the Trust is welcoming, open and accepting of all and aims to include all sectors of the community in its activities.

Positivity: the Trust creates positive, joyful, fulfilling opportunities for everyone to have fun.

Respect: the Trust is respectful, thoughtful and accepting of all, including its visitors and stakeholders.

Heart: the 200-year-old town hall building and a passion for the arts are at the heart of everything the Trust does.

Joining us

We are entering an exciting new stage as we prepare to bring the restored building into regular use. Working closely with trustees, staff and volunteers, our Centre Manager will help shape a vibrant, inclusive and financially sustainable venue.

This is an opportunity to turn years of community commitment into a thriving centre—protecting Bourne’s heritage while creating new experiences for everyone who lives, works or visits here.



The Bourne Town Hall project is made possible with The National Lottery Heritage Fund.
Thanks to National Lottery players, we are able to work towards restoring and transforming Bourne’s Old Town Hall building.