

All Saints Forward – the very latest news

The Core Group has met once every month from September to November and will aim to complete Phase 2A of our plan by the December meeting. At that point the application for funding to the Heritage Lottery Fund should be ready to send in mid-December. More will follow in future magazines about the details of this. The Group's work in the last few meetings has been to investigate the heritage story within All Saints and Winterton and to see how this helps to verify and refine the brief which we gave our architect. He can then ensure that his detailed plans fit the needs expressed by our church.

One new and unexpected development which has only just come to our attention is that North Lincolnshire Council has been successful in a bid for £100,000 LEADER funding to develop a series of 'Northern Lincolnshire Church Heritage Trails' across North and North Eastern Lincolnshire. We were invited to attend the introductory meeting to this last month since All Saints, Winterton, was one of the 15 churches selected. Each church will receive at no charge: high quality permanent display boards detailing the history of the church and surrounding area [similar to those recently placed in the church at Horkstow]; leaflets with details of the trails and churches; an education pack for teachers and students linked to Key Stage 1 and 2 history and RE; training sessions for volunteers to staff the churches on open days; website with interactive area for visitors to take information and upload their own photos and experiences of the trail; and funding for churches to take part in a Northern Lincolnshire Churches Festival likely to be planned for 2012. In order to be part of the project All Saints will need to commit to be open to the public on designated open days, work to provide the information for the display boards, share information about other churches with visitors and take part in the welcome host training event.

At the November meeting of the Core Group all present agreed that All Saints should accept this offer and make the fullest possible use of this opportunity since it fits so well with the All Saints Forward agenda. Much work will need to be done on this in the next few months.

There is full information about all the ideas for re-ordering All Saints on our website at <http://lincoln.ourchurchweb.org.uk/winterton/> If you would like to know more about this project, please enquire – in the first instance – to Robin Shawyer, Chair of the Core Group [tel: 01724 734285 or e-mail: rdshawyer@gmail.com]