

All Saints Forward starts Heritage Lottery Fund application

At last, after some delays, the pre-application enquiry from the All Saints Forward group in Winterton has been submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund. The application was accompanied by a large number of letters of support from local groups and individuals, to whom we are most grateful. We have received a positive reply and a clear indication that we can move forward to the Stage 1 application process later this year. The full process involves two application stages so there are big hurdles yet to be jumped!

Our pre-application enquiry outlined the highly unusual and multi-faceted heritage at All Saints and in Winterton together with our aim to update our building and create a central focus for the heritage story of Winterton. The application referred to the many capital works needed to allow this to take place so that our church can be used by all members of our community. The latest outline plans will be on display in the church, on the church website and at forthcoming public events including Winterton Show and the Big Lottery street party on 17th July. The plans include a small new building adjoining the re-opened North Porch to house toilets and a kitchen; improvements to the vertical access arrangements inside the tower with a new floor at first floor level for bellringers; the provision of heritage display and interpretation space on the ground floor of the tower and in the current choir vestry; a more flexible nave with a single floor level and underfloor heating; the creation of a community heritage website and many other features.

The cost of all these plans is estimated at around £870,000 of which £650,000 is requested from the Heritage Lottery Fund. This leaves All Saints needing to find a contribution of around £220,000. One of the tasks before we can submit our Stage 1 application is to identify possible sources of grant aid to fund this contribution. We already know of a number of possible sources but if you have ideas of potential donors do please let us know! Robin Shawyer will be grateful to hear from you!

If we do manage to submit a successful Stage 1 application to the Heritage Lottery Fund later this year, that may lead to a Stage 2 application in 2012 and work being started in 2013.

There is much work yet to be done but a successful start has been made.

There is also full information about all these plans 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]