



Arts, Museums & Heritage Forum Newsletter

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North Herts. Museum and Community Facility

The next meeting of the Arts, Museums & Heritage Forum will be held on Wednesday 16th January 2013, at 7.15pm in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Gernon Road, Letchworth. We hope that you will be able to attend.

At the meeting we'll give an update on progress on the Hitchin Town Hall/North Herts Museum project, and also introduce Jo Ward, our Heritage Lottery-funded Audience Development consultant. Jo's task is to discover what residents of North Herts. would like to see in the new museum, and what will make as many people as possible visit.

The project, which envisages a £4.2 m investment to transform the existing Workmans Hall and Gymnasium into a new Museum and refurbish the iconic Mountford Hall, has been subject to detailed negotiations between North Herts District Council (NHDC) and Hitchin Town Hall. The scheme was approved at Council in October, and officers and the architects are currently working towards the procurement of the exhibition designer and the main building contractor.

At the Forum meeting we also hope to display for the first time the museum service's latest acquisition. Details are still under wraps while we arrange the handover of various grant monies, but the items is of great local interest.

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