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Projects for Market Towns Revitalisation Programme

Shropshire Council launched the Market Towns Revitalisation Programme earlier this year and Much Wenlock was invited along with 10 other market towns to bid for money towards projects that fit the programmes objectives which have been developed to ensure the long term sustainability of our towns.

A proposal has been put forward and aims to look at further improvements of the tourism product in Much Wenlock and activity to improve existing facilities.

A summary of the proposed work is below:

Name and description of Project	Cost
Much Wenlock Museum – Match funding as required by the HLF Bid Project has been agreed by SC & HLF but yet to be formally announced by HLF – Funding secured £521,000 for a £600,000 project which involves the refurbishment of the museum and whilst funding has been retained in the Capital Programme for this project, there is a £16,554 shortfall	£16,554
Footpath at the Gaskell Ground Installation of a wooden edged compacted stone footpath from the “Linden Walk” to the torch panel and on to the refurbished toilets based on £30 per metre and footpath of 65 metres	£2,000
Walk Information Boards Provision of two A0 sized map boards detailing all of the new and existing walks in and around the town of Much Wenlock to be located one on the wall by the Museum and one on a wall near where the buses stop (to be decided). A further £350 will be required per post fix should no suitable wall be identified for the boards to be sited on. (Museum is in a conservation area so planning permission may be required for the installation of information boards so may need to include also)	£3,200
Provision and repair of Vehicular Signage in the town as follows: New Car Park direction sign on St. Mary's Road New Car and Coach Park direction sign on A458 by Smithfield Road Re-alignment of parking sign on New Road New Short Stay and Parking Sign on Back Lane New Evening/Weekend and School Holiday parking signs Farley Road Re-alignment of Parking sign on Bridgnorth Road Re-alignment of signs on St. Mary's Road and additional directional sign New Directional sign to the Edge and Leisure Centre New Sign on entrance to High Street – Not suitable for Coaches	£13,550

Repair/replacement of large green highways sign on A458 – Shrewsbury side (sign is constructed in segments, and looks like could be repaired) Removal of existing new road layout signs located on A458 and Smithfield Road New Pedestrian town centre directional sign – Falcon's Court Car Park Refurbishment of existing pedestrian sign post outside museum	
Siting of the Poetry Stone The town have been given a poetry stone and have asked that it be sited at the rear of the Guildhall in the Church Yard near to the Mary Webb stone Need to agree a location with both the vicar and the Town Council.	Included in the Sheinton corner bid
Plaque for Church to be constructed by stonemason The vicar is liaising direct with the stonemason with regard to this project as the plaque will displayed inside the church.	£800
Sheinton Street Corner with New Rd/Farley Road Enhancement and planting on the paved area at the corner of Sheinton Street – originally to include the Poetry Stone – concerns that there may be services underneath this area that may need to be managed – costs for project were originally prepared by the MW Town Council	£6,800
William Brookes School Purchase and installation of a security barrier for the exit to William Brookes School – To make use of existing gates and install automatic sliding mechanism	£10,562.41
Total cost	£53,466.41

Projects for the Rural Challenge Capital Fund – Much Wenlock Town Markets Stimulation Project

The project is designed to give the markets in Much Wenlock a revival to make them look more attractive, more suitable and easier to use, as well as to increase their longevity. We intend to provide new and improved lighting, an awning to cover an outdoor market, tarmac to the floor of the outdoor market, more suitable attractive paving, painting throughout and restoration of the gates on the Buttermarket so they can be used.

This revival will not only tidy up the centre of Much Wenlock but make the markets more attractive for customers and traders and improve access issues.

This project will support all of the existing markets by enhancing the areas for existing traders, make a more attractive offer for new traders and extend the outdoor market making it possible to invite more stallholders thus offering shoppers a more diverse range of stalls.

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Restoration of Market Gates The gates provide a decorative feature for the market area, however they do not open and have rusted shut, the metalwork legs and bracing bars are rusted through in parts. They are in a bad state of repair.	£19,156.00
Relay Tarmac at the Back of Corn Exchange	£2,250.00
Repainting of the Market Place, Guildhall and The Corn Exchange	£1,190.00
Alterations to Pavement	£11,500.00
New and Improved Lighting	£1,500.00
Floor Cleaning	£200.00
Installation of a Sun Awning	£6,350.00
Total cost	£42146.00