

MARKET TOWN REVITALISATION PROGRAMME

UPDATE TO WHITCHURCH LJC – 13 OCT 11

Civic Centre and Market Hall joint project

- Whitchurch Town Council have provided funding for a feasibility study, and the working group are meeting on 17 October to interview architects to complete this study. Once the architect has been chosen and the feasibility study completed the plans will be displayed in the Civic Centre for public comment.
- The Market Town Revitalisation Programme is providing £150,000 funding towards this joint project and the Town Council is has ring-fenced £100,000, which includes payment of £7,000 for the feasibility study. Therefore the total amount of funding for the joint Civic Centre and Market Hall projects is £250,000.

Heritage Centre

- This project is to convert the top floor of the Heritage Centre into small business/start-up units or office space. There are issues with the building being a Grade II listed building and the Town Clerk is currently liaising with Shropshire Council regarding planning and building regulations and Listed Building Consent.
- A design specification will be drafted as a way to move this project forward.
- The Market Town Revitalisation Programme is providing £55,000 funding towards this project and the Town Council is providing £20,000 which gives a total amount of £75,000 for the Heritage Centre project.

Walking in Whitchurch

- This project will upgrade the walking offer in Whitchurch by improving the links between the canal, town centre and Brown Moss, to include new signs and interpretation boards and upgrade the paths.

- The Informal Programme Board have approved this application and therefore the contract has been signed and work will start in November or December and is planned to be finished by April next year.
- The Market Town Revitalisation Programme is providing £12,250 funding towards this project, with further match funding from Shropshire Council Outdoor Recreation department, Shropshire Wildlife Trust, Whitchurch & Prees LJC and the Leader Programme through the Shropshire Way Project.

Mill Street Car Park

- £40,000 MTRP funding was allocated to convert land in Mill Street into a car park for Whitchurch traders and people who work in the town, to offer low cost all day car parking.
- The project is now complete and Whitchurch Town Council are issuing permits at a cost of £18 per month, at the moment take-up is low, but the Town Council want to encourage more businesses in Whitchurch to take up this offer.