

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL REVEALED

10 June 2016

Digging a hole

You may have spotted the notices inside and outside saying that we plan to ask CFCE for their formal permission for our Sondage dig in the old song school. The formal Notice period expires on 28 June and the decision is due in the middle of July. The works are anticipated to take up to 3 weeks to complete, and if all goes to plan we expect to be doing this over the summer. There will need to be some careful thinking about how that affects those of us who use that back-of-house space regularly. But don't worry: all will be taken care of!

Interested Visitors

Our Cathedral neighbours from Southwell Minster paid us a visit on 9 June – well members of their Chapter, staff and Cathedral council did. They are also contemplating an HLF application and wanted to see what we have done so far, as well as hear what we intend next. It was a very positive meeting on all sides.

Earlier in the evening we had had a Choral Evensong when we welcomed, celebrated and thanked many of our volunteer helpers who greet the 15,000 visitors we are currently entertaining each month.

HLF and LLEP

Our next meeting with Heritage Lottery Fund is due on 30 June, when we discuss our ideas with officers for the east Midlands, prior to submitting a full proposal by the beginning of August. Good news from the Leicester and Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership (LLEP) is that our proposals to them passed a first round of scrutiny, and are going forward to be considered as part of the LLEP's bid to central government for funding.

Involving us all

The survey of casual visitors to the Cathedral takes place over two weeks beginning 13 June. We're hoping to interview around 100 people, and get their take on what they like or don't like – and what they'd like to see more

of in any developments of the place. A comparable survey for our regular worshippers should be under way by the end of the month.

As ever, if you have any queries, do take the chance to ask me anything, or offer your thoughts. They're always very welcome!

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Project Director