

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL REVEALED

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What do you think?

The two-week survey of 'casual' visitors to the Cathedral completes on Sunday 28th. This has asked them both about their experience of the cathedral, and also their views on a number of possible developments we have in mind. We have exceeded our target of 100 interviews, and early analysis of results is already quite interesting. Now it's your turn, so we're now asking those of you who come regularly for worship to complete a similar Survey. Copies are available in the cathedral from now, and there's a Big Orange Box for you to drop your replies into.

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.

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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