TOMORROW’S MUSEUM
FOR DORSET

HERITAGE FUND
COUNT DOWN TO 2020

Over 170 years since the Museum first opened, we are now Embarking on the most exciting development in the Museum’s history

Tomorrow’s Museum for Dorset will include:

• Spectacular new galleries telling the story of 250 million years of Dorset’s history
• Accessible state-of-the-art storage for the collection where visitors can see behind the scenes
• A new learning centre in the restored medieval rectory at the rear of the site
• A new international –standard exhibition gallery hosting the best touring and temporary exhibitions
• A new shop and café behind the original Victorian gothic frontage
2014: Identifying the Need

Dorset’s Treasure House

Failing Infrastructure

Dated Displays and Interpretation

Lack of Facilities

Weak Business Plan

Lack of Audience Understanding

Lack of Community Engagement

Failing to Achieve Wider Social and Economic Impact

Unsustainable and without Resilience
2015-16: Development Cycle

Golden thread between:

- Buildings & Infrastructure
- Business Plan
- Culture Change
2018: *Dippy on Tour*

Re-assess Audience Potential

Establish Economic Impact

Scope of Community Engagement

Strategic Partnerships

Income Generation Opportunities
Site & Building Organisation
2018-2020: Construction
Collections Discovery Centre and Library

Our new state-of-the-art Collections Discovery Centre will enable you to see collections behind the scenes and access the Museum’s historic library.
Learning Centre

Our new Learning Centre will increase our capacity to welcome school groups and to hold a range of adult and family learning activities, talk and workshops.
NATURAL DORSET

The Natural Dorset gallery will tell the story of Dorset’s changing natural world over 250 million years

• Explore a time when Dorset was under the sea and inhabited large marine reptiles to the rolling fills and coastline we see today
• Discover the county’s incredible geology and discover more about the UNESCO World Heritage Jurassic Coast site, and meet the creatures and wildlife that have lived both in the past and today
• Uncover how early people used the land’s rich natural resources and started to dramatically shape the landscape
• Meet the Dorset people who made important scientific discoveries that shaped our understanding of the natural world
PEOPLE’S DORSET

The People’s Dorset gallery will tell the story of Dorset’s people from around 400,000 BC to the present day.

• Discover the importance of Dorset’s landscapes to prehistoric people and explore the many important finds by archaeologists since the 19th Century
• Reflect on how the land and sea have shaped the experience of living in Dorset from medieval times to the present
• Explore stories of Dorset people including farmers, smugglers, religious martyrs, social reformers, political rebels and holidaymakers
ARTIST’S DORSET

The Artist’s Dorset gallery will celebrate the exceptional richness of Dorset’s artistic heritage and showcase the county’s contemporary art scene.

In this gallery you can explore the Museum’s important collection of paintings, drawings and sculpture and can discover how artists have been inspired by the county’s unique geology, landscape and way of life.

Changing displays will tell the story of different creative communities in the county, and will feature the work of local artists and community groups.

A Prints and Drawing study room will enable you to explore parts of the collection up-close and take part in creative workshops.
HARDY’S DORSET

The Hardy’s Dorset gallery will enable you to experience the largest Thomas Hardy collection in the world.

- Explore the personal life of one of the greatest English novelists and poets through objects from his own archive
- Discover how Hardy’s background and influences shaped the major themes on his writing
- Find out about the Dorset locations that influenced the setting of Hardy’s novels and discover how his writing shaped Dorset is seen today
- See Hardy’s study from his Max gate home, a much-loved feature of the Museum since it was gifted following Hardy’s death
Shop and Café

Take some time out during your visit to enjoy the ambience of our new café and explore a range of Dorset-inspired gifts in our new shop.
THE SUMS

TOTAL PROJECT COST: £15.3m

NATIONAL LOTTERY HERITAGE FUND: £11.34m
ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND: £489,775
DCMS WOLFSON: £175,000

TRUST AND FOUNDATIONS: £1.43m

LOCAL AUTHORITIES: £562,073
INDIVIDUAL GIVERS: £756,779

TOTAL RAISED TO DATE: 14.85m

REMAINING SHORTFALL: £450,000 still to raise
THANK YOU