

Worksop Priory Gatehouse

A Statuesque witness to history

WORKSOP
PRIORY &
GATEHOUSE
COMMUNITY TRUST



Our glorious gatehouse

An imposing, 14th Century medieval artefact at the heart of our town, Worksop Priory Gatehouse has a history of serving our community in many guises...

A place of welcome and hospitality for travellers along the King's highway when erected in the middle ages; of pilgrimage and worship in its wayside shrine; of turmoil during the dissolution of the monasteries and English Civil War; and of learning during its time as a school, right up until the latter part of the 20th century.



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(McCallum, Andrew, 1821-1902)

Relic or renaissance?

Having secured support from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, Nottinghamshire County Council, Historic England, and Bassetlaw District Council, Worksop Priory & Gatehouse Community Trust are developing a vision for the gatehouse which will allow them to restore the building and provide a lasting legacy for the community.

Since 2019, the Trust have worked to engage Worksop residents and visitors through a new website; learning pack resources for schools; in-person and virtual events; new on-site interpretation; and a light-hearted movie recounting the Gatehouse's 700-year history.



The next chapter in the Gatehouse's story is set to chart an exciting and dynamic journey into the future.

If you're an organisation which thinks it could help, or a person who'd love to get involved, find out more at

www.wpgct.org.uk



The rear of the Gatehouse as seen from Priorswell Road



England's last surviving walk-through shrine

A lasting legacy

Our mission is to preserve for the benefit of the people of Worksop and for the nation and of the church, the constructional heritage of the Worksop Priory and Gatehouse.

The building is currently on Historic England's Heritage at Risk register and with its south porch containing what is believed to be the only surviving English medieval walk-through shrine, saving it is a key priority.

We are currently discussing potential future uses for the building and preparing a new approach to funders for its restoration.

We would love to hear from you if you have any memories of using the Gatehouse before it closed to the public. Did you attend the church youth group here? Did you go to a party or another community event here? Do you have any pictures of an activity taking place at the Gatehouse, that you'd be willing to share? As part of our future plans for the Gatehouse, we want to tell the story of all of the previous uses the building has had, and that includes its uses within living memory.

If you have any details you would like to share, or you are interested in joining our Board, contact us via email:

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