



# Worksop Priory Gatehouse

A presentation by **Fran Walker**

# The past



1773



1900



2011



2023

**1314**

Built as a guest house over the main road north-south, for the Priory of Worksop



**1350**

A new shrine is built for when the church is closed, which is still in use today

Becomes a vicarage during King Henry VIII's Dissolution of the Monasteries

**1909**

Gifted to the parish, undergoes various restoration works in 1909

**1628-1853**

Becomes the first Elementary school in England and continues to be used as a school until 1853

**2011**

Placed on the Historic England **At Risk Register**

**2016**

Funds are secured to restore the small chapel and shrine, which has been reconsecrated

**2019-2021**

The Trust engages the local community to allow for its further restoration

**2017**

The National Lottery Heritage Fund grants an award to the Trust to seek a sustainable use

Credit: SSoA Live Projects, Sheffield University

# The past



2021-2023

## Worksop Priory Gatehouse **The Movie!**

We adapted our approach to interpretation post-pandemic and created an engaging, animated movie which sees Gatehouse statues St Augustine, the Virgin Mary, and St Cuthbert, come to life and walk the viewer through 700+ years of history.

Marvel at the amazing stories that all took place in Worksop!

- Worksop during the middle ages
- The resident Canon gets fired
- The local windmill vanishes overnight
- Henry VIII ransacks our treasures
- The Civil War rages on our doorstep
- Children take cover during WWII



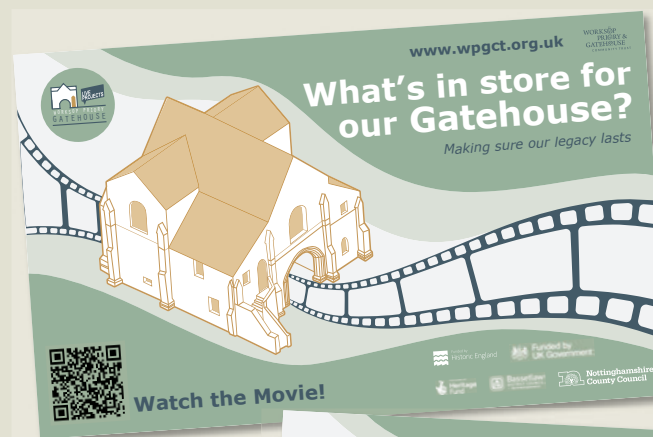
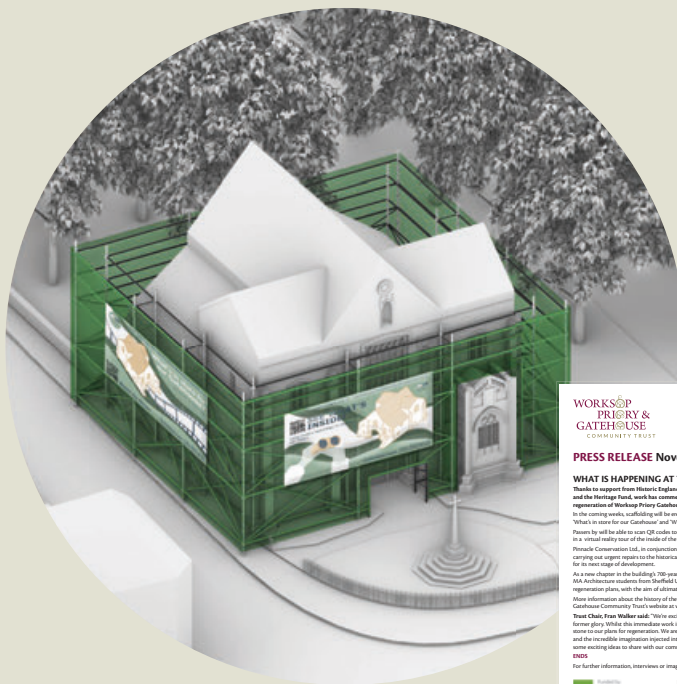




# The present

Recently, we have been supported with a generous grant from Historic England, along with support from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, Bassetlaw District Council, and Nottinghamshire County Council, to undertake emergency works to address some of the problems with the fabric of the building.

This is the beginning of a long but rewarding journey that will see the Gatehouse made secure, accessible, and ready to continue serving the community for many more years to come.

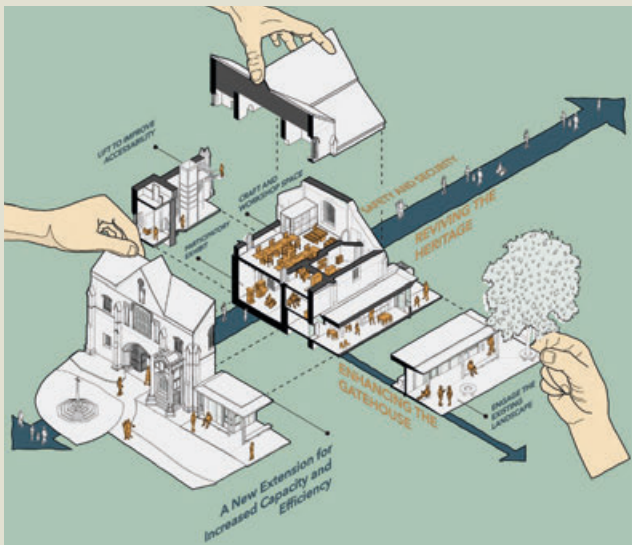


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# The future



Working with Architecture MA students from Sheffield University's Live Projects team, we've created a dynamic vision for a sustainable future for the Gatehouse.

2024 and onwards...

## A new vision for the future



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Our journey is only just starting, and our vision sees three development phases:

- Immediate Gains
- Modest Impact
- Significant Transformation

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**Thank you**



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