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Heritage Lottery Fund Award for Calne Heritage Centre's Exciting Digital Project.

The Heritage Lottery Fund [HLF] has awarded a grant of £42,400 to Calne Heritage Centre to develop a project that aims to encourage local people to discover more about their heritage and celebrate the many interesting buildings in the town of Calne.

The project will enable virtual access, via a computer touch screen, to a number of historic buildings around the town. Each building will be digitally recorded, providing a 360-degree tour, with added images and text. This will increase the opportunity for more people to explore the history of their area.

A section called “ Vanished Calne” will provide a purpose built touch screen gallery with a selection of archive images of buildings that have since been demolished, extending access to the Centre's archive resources and opening a fascinating window on the past.

The story of C&T Harris Ltd will also be told and a 3D model of the factory and one of the factory floors will be re-created on the computer.

The local community will be invited to assist with the project by donating photographs and memories of local places, people and events.

The virtual tour and a supporting portable exhibition will be available for loan to local clubs, societies and schools.

Sue Boddington, project leader said, “ We are so excited that HLF has recognized the importance of this project. The digital preservation of the buildings and part of the archive collection will help to create a record for future generations. The fact that the computer screen and exhibition is portable will enable us to take it out of the Heritage Centre

and into the community, to places such as residential homes and schools, thereby widening access to Calne’s history for those who find it difficult to come to the Centre. A portable hearing loop will accompany the touch screen, to increase the enjoyment for people with hearing impairment, widening access still further.”

Explaining the importance of the award HLF Regional Manager, Julie Cooper, said “The Calne Local Heritage Project is a fantastic resource and we are so pleased to help bring it to life. HLF is dedicated to opening up heritage resources to as many people as possible and this project will enable everyone to explore a huge variety of historic documents and images that cover the entire town.”

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