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Help give historic building new uses

You could play your part in helping save one of the borough's most historic buildings.

The Old King's Head at Kirton is a building at risk – but not if you and Heritage Lincolnshire have anything to do with it.

Yesterday (Tuesday, October 10) a bid was launched to give the Tudor building, dating back to 1599, a new and useful life. Heritage Lincolnshire, which responded to fears for the building in 2016 by buying it and carrying out emergency works, with Heritage Lottery Fund help, has now launched a crowdfunding campaign to finance the next stage of the project.

Heritage Lincolnshire wants your support to work with local producers to open The Old King's Head as a bed and breakfast, deli and community hub.

Kirton was once on the bustling route from London to Boston when the town was one of the most prosperous in the land. The Wybeard family, first known owners of The Old King's Head in 1625, built the inn to make the most of the busy highway.

At that time the building was a show stopper – built in the now extremely rare Fenland Artisan Mannerism style and made from red brick, an innovative building material of the time.

Rumour has it that the building is haunted by a friendly but mischievous Victorian lady. The inn's last landlord left in the 1970s but it remained in residential use until 2016.

You can help today by making a donation at heritagelincolnshire.org/okh and there will be some prizes and gifts available to thank supporters for their pledges.

Produce makes prizes

The pick of the borough's produce was on show for prizes at the Age UK Boston and South Holland horticultural and craft show. The event took place at Johnsons Garden Centre in Boston on Saturday, September 30, in association with Boston Allotment Association, sponsored by Boston Big Local. There were 83 entries from in and around Boston and winners in a host of categories. A trophy for the Best In Show went to Wyberton West Allotment for their wheelbarrow display and Carlton Road School for their scarecrow in the Young Person Category. Boston Mayor, Cllr Bernard Rush, opened the show.



Fashions to remember

The next fundraising event in aid of a memorial space in Boston's Westgate Woods to remember all of Lincolnshire's road accident victims takes place at Baytree Nurseries Garden Centre, Weston, near Spalding, on Wednesday, October 18. *Read more at <http://bit.ly/2y0RFnT>*

Top-rated food premises

Another 14 premises have achieved the highest rating for their food hygiene practices. *View these at <http://bit.ly/2xwlrwh>*



Local Plan final sessions taking place

Earlier this year, production of the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan reached a key milestone when it was submitted to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government. Final hearing sessions started yesterday at Boston Borough Council. *Read more at <http://bit.ly/2kA1aWo>*

Boston Playgoers return to perform 'Habeas Corpus'

The award-winning Boston Playgoers Society returns to Blackfriars' stage later this month when they perform Alan Bennett's classic comedy "Habeas Corpus".

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2fYEzxC>



Week 27 winner – Read more at <http://bit.ly/2ngHd3i>

