



Lewes Priory Trust

Development Plan

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1. Summary

This plan outlines the goals and objectives of the Trust, the history and achievements of the Trust to date, the challenges and opportunities for the future and the short, medium and longer term plans for development.

The main development areas are as follows:

Site Management:

Consider the installation facilities: toilets, shelter, internet booster, interpretation centre.

Education:

Extend education work beyond Lewes

Work with the UK Cluniac sites and the Federation of European Cluniac Sites (FESC) on exchange of best practice

Research:

Identify, catalogue and digitise artefacts related to the Priory
work with the Federation of European Cluniac Sites
continue archaeological investigations;
investigate storage and exhibition sites for Priory artefacts

Partnerships:

Develop and strengthen partnerships with :
funders

the Cluniac network;

local heritage providers

local authorities,

groups such as the local branches of: the Federation of Women's Institutes, the Scout Movement, Rotary

Presence:

Continue to develop innovative and low-cost ways to promote the site
extend presence on social media; develop exhibition space

Recognition of the need for grant funding, increasing volunteer involvement and membership to achieve these as the Trust has limited capacity to raise funds for projects.

2. Where we are now

Object of the charity:

”to preserve the remains of the Cluniac Priory of St Pancras near Lewes in the County of East Sussex (“the Priory”) for the benefit of the public generally and especially the inhabitants of the District of Lewes, to facilitate public and archaeological access to the Priory and to advance the education of the public in the subject of the Priory and its importance in the history of England”

The Trust can only achieve this objective with the help of grant funding and is grateful to the Heritage Lottery Fund, Lewes Town Council and English Heritage.

The Trust’s unique offer:

- leisure and education with free access
- a site allows visitors for a variety of activities: dog walking, picnics, exercise, looking at details of the site, relaxation, herb garden, socialising, attending events
- collaborative approach with local educators and groups to devise relevant resources and events
- imaginative and innovative low-tech approach to presenting the site

Commitment to goals:

Site Management

- maintain and preserve the fabric of the ruins and the park
- offer free access to the Priory and the park
- encourage the use of the site by others, for a wide range of activities

Education

- involve all school children in the Lewes area, during their formal education
- improved facilities for visits by schools and others
- create and support activities in schools and universities
- devise and deliver community and continuing education

Research

- disseminate knowledge and research to a wide audience, through public lectures, website articles and research papers
- encourage and facilitate new research, both archaeological and academic

Partnerships

- link with other sites in Lewes, to create a valuable and interesting experience
- develop links with Cluniac sites in the UK, with Cluny and other European houses via the Federation of Cluniac sites to learn through exchange of good practice

Presence

- promote the site and the Trust locally, and beyond
- develop exhibition space, such as in Anne of Cleves House
- extend presence on social media sites

We want to share our passion for this beautiful and fascinating site.

Description of the services the Trust provides

- Managing Priory Park and the remains of the Priory of St Pancras to provide free and open access throughout the year.
- Enhancing the enjoyment of the visitor by providing information about the Priory, disabled friendly access and beautiful, relaxing settings/experiences such as the herb garden.
- Organising and staging events to encourage visitors to the site.
- Creating and tailoring exciting education resources to the curriculum throughout the Key Stages and for continuing education.
- Organising inspirational educational activities and visits for all ages.
- Providing in-service training sessions for local teachers and teacher trainees.
- Working closely with local teachers, creating and tailoring education resources to the curriculum throughout the Key Stages.
- Responding to requests for educational input about the Priory from a wide range of audiences.
- Promoting the site as a venue for community events and assisting in this.
- Providing and training expert guides to the site to enhance and extend the visitor experience.
- Promoting interest in and understanding of the Priory through the website, publications and postcards, public lectures and displays.
- Providing opportunities for volunteers and members to be involved in the planning and maintenance of the Priory site and projects relating to the Priory.
- Participating in the Lewes Priory Research Group
- Organising the annual Emil Godfrey Memorial Lecture on areas of relevance to the Priory.
- Acting as a hub for all enquiries about the Priory, its history and links to Cluny and facilitating links with interested parties such as the Sussex University Archaeological Society and the Lewes Priory Research Group.
- Developing and maintaining the Herb Garden as a place of beauty and education.
- Co-ordinating and participating in the Cluny in Britain group

3. The Trust's achievements

Lewes Priory Trust- charity established 1980

Registered Charity No: 1123751, Registered Company Number: 6493711

Time line

The creation of the Lewes Priory Trust grew out of local concern to preserve and enhance this extremely important site, which had fallen into a bad state of repair and was not accessible to the public. The remains were behind a chainlink fence as they were not in a safe or stable condition.

The Priory has been on the Statutory List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest Grade I since 1952. (Listing NGR: TQ4142909558)

The land of Priory Park is in the ownership of Lewes Town Council and leased to the Lewes Priory Trust.

1969

Lewes Priory Committee established

1980

Lewes Priory Trust (registered charity) established

1983

Priory Herb Garden established in partnership with Lewes Priory Secondary School and Lewes Technical College with financial support from the Rotary Club of Lewes

1996

Herb Garden Club at Southover Primary School established to look after the Herb Garden

1998

Southover School Herb Garden Club are regional winners in South East in Bloom Greenfingers Challenge

2009

Issue of lease for the site to the Trust by Lewes Town Council

Funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund (£545,000) and English Heritage (£95,000) secured for a major project to preserve the remains and open them up to public access with paths and interpretation signs.

2010

24 week contract to complete grant funded work on site. Handed over on time and on budget on 26 November

2011

Grand Opening of the site attracting 5000 visitors

New Lewes Priory Trust website launched (lewespriory.org.uk)

Publication of new guide book: "The Priory of St Pancras, Lewes - Priory Park"

Launch of Education Pack at Priory Heritage Day at St Pancras Primary School

Awards

CPRE Sussex Countryside Award - New Sussex Landscape

Sussex Heritage Trust Highly Commended in the Landscapes and Gardens Category

2012

Delivery of in-service training day to Lewes Primary School teachers

Putting Lewes Priory on the Map (ongoing until 2016)

£100,000 -Access, interpretation and education project funded by Heritage Lottery Fund

To date:

Study days: Life in the Priory, Digging the Drains, The Medieval Herb Garden (recordings from these lectures available on the Trust website)

Music celebration based on the Mass of St Pancras from the Lewes Breviary (recording available on the Trust website)

Leaflet translation: Priory leaflets translated into French, German, Italian, Spanish, Mandarin, Japanese and Vietnamese

Archaeology investigation of the culvert from the first reredorter

Town trail leaflet produced with support of Lewes Rotary

Extensive education resources free to download from the Trust website

Work with Initial Teacher Trainees at Brighton University

University of Sussex undergraduate project with the British Museum

2013

Award presented by Friends of Lewes for significant contribution to the enhancement of the character of Lewes

Orchard - Students from Priory School planted six traditional apple varieties at the Priory as part of Local Fruit Futures project funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund

East Sussex Federation of Women's Institute volunteers knitted Battle of Lewes figures for use in the Priory education work

2014

Feasting, Fighting and Freedom

Sharing Heritage Grant £10,000 from Heritage Lottery Fund to provide Battle of Lewes/ Feast of St Pancras days in local schools and create resources

Restoration of the Battle of Lewes Memorial

funding from Lewes Town Council, South Downs National Park Authority, Lady Chelwood, Friends of Lewes, Plazzotta Sculpture, Harveys Brewery, Lewes Lions Club, Lewes District Council

Published article -Primary History Journal (The Historical Association) issue 68, Autumn 2014 *The New History National Curriculum: How to get the best from Heritage* - Kate Hickmott and Helen Chiasson (Education Officers of Lewes Priory Trust)

Herb Celebration Day

Public event commemorating the 30 year anniversary of the establishing of the Priory Herb Garden, including a herbal puppet show

Priory by Candlelight

Heritage Open Day event where the remains illuminated by over 2000 candles. 800 visitors

Commissioning film to showcase the work of the Trust and introduce the site to those outside the area. The film has French sub-titles and was premiered at the FESC event (see below)

Federation of Cluniac Sites (FESC)

Attending the 20th anniversary of FESC in Cluny, Burgundy. Presenting information about the Priory and the interpretation and education work to an international audience.

Cluny in Britain

Organising the first Cluny in Britain conference at The British Museum with the aim of establishing closer contacts and co-operation between the UK Cluniac sites.

2015

Embroidered Banners project

Launch of project funded by grant from Lewes Town Council to work with East Sussex Federation of Women's Institutes on creating embroidered banners with motifs representing the UK Cluniac sites.

Award

Federation of Sussex Amenity Societies - Design and Conservation Award

Make-up of the Trust

The Trust is managed by its Governing Body all of whom are trustees of the charity and directors of the company limited by guarantee. Members of the Governing Body for 2014-15 are:

Tracy Anderson

Rosey Eggar

Arthur Franklin

Sy Morse-Brown (Chairman)

Andrew Norris (Membership Secretary)

Christopher Walker (Secretary)

Treasurer TBA

The Priory Trust's volunteer Education Officer is Helen Chiasson.

The Herb Garden is looked after by a pool of volunteers and volunteers help with education and research work.

Membership

The Trust has a membership of 80 mainly from Lewes and the surrounding area.

Lewes Priory Research Group

The Trust works closely with a panel of experts comprising local historians and archaeologists.

Priory Partners

The Trust has a Priory Partners scheme for schools who introduce study of the Priory into their curriculum.

Priory Partners: Pells C of E Primary School, Priory Secondary School, St Pancras Catholic Primary School, Iford and Kingston C of E Primary School, South Malling C of E Primary, Rodmell C of E Primary School, Southover C of E Primary

4. Where we are going

Challenges	How we deal with them	Future plans
Resilience -limited ways to raise capital to extend projects - mainly local and national grant giving bodies	Investigating different funding bodies/developing long-term local links (e.g. Rotary)	Revenue raising opportunities e.g.lecture programmes;visits; limited merchandise range Establish education line in the budget to include monies raised through education work
Revenue extremely limited as the site has open and free access	Investigating increasing membership, volunteer involvement and giving at events	Introducing a small merchandise range
No premises for storage	Liaising with other local organisations	Consider including this in future funding bid
Need to recruit more volunteers	Skills audit of members, attendance at local volunteer recruitment events	Young People's Forum, engagement with local schools
No on-site facilities - toilets, visitor centre, electricity, poor internet access	Investigating shared use of toilets with adjacent facility (Lewes Football Club,)	Put into long term plan to attract funding, liaison with Lewes District Council and South Downs National Park Authority Consider a project for an interpretation centre on site
Need for increased succession planning	Actively recruiting further trustees and volunteers	Agree short, medium and long term goals
Need to establish accessible records of artefacts and research pertaining to the Priory	Undertaking cataloguing of known artefacts	Investigate digitising these work with FESC on artefact digitisation using Clunypedia
Need to encourage and support further research into all aspects of the Priory	Continuing to carry out archaeological investigations.	Investigate possible funding for collaborative research projects.
No permanent display and exhibition of Priory artefacts	Working with local providers to find a suitable site and provide accurate information	Consider including this in future funding bid

Strengths	What we do	Future plans
Knowledgeable and committed volunteer trustees	Deliver the Trust's programme of projects and events	Recruit further Trustees with relevant expertise
Proven track record of successful grant application and delivery of projects	Delivery of grant-funded projects	Apply for further grants for projects that fulfil the aims and objectives of the Trust
Supportive membership	Members events, priority booking	Extend membership and involvement of and benefits to members
Volunteers with great skills base	Trust presence at Societies' Fair to recruit volunteers. Training day for herb garden volunteers on using herbs in medicine Links with East Sussex WI including the Embroidered Banner project and the knitted Battle of Lewes figures	Recruit more volunteers - for both long and short term involvement Offer further opportunities for volunteer training and involvement
Strong links with the Lewes Priory Research Group	Collaborative working on an inventory of Priory artefacts	Identify, photograph and catalogue artefacts relating to the Priory
Devising low-tech interpretation and education solutions suited to the nature of the site	Audio guides, children's activities and guides, Priory by Candlelight, Music from the Lewes Breviary available on the Trust web-site Top Monks game	Install a 3D (more usual) model on site create a portable education model Devise new games and activities to explain the site
Strong support from the local community	Provide open and free access. Stage free events such as the Priory by Candlelight, Herb Celebration Day	Continue to provide and support community events
Excellent education resources	Engaging education resources: free to download via Trust website Programme of public lectures- recordings available via Trust web-site	Continue to work with teachers and children on new resources and opportunities Adding to the downloadable resources

Strengths	What we do	Future plans
Excellent relations with local schools, colleges, universities and teacher trainees	Work with schools on-site and in the classroom Work with university students and teacher trainees	Continue and extend this work
Good relations with local media	Submit press releases about activities Many articles in local press (Sussex Express, Viva Lewes)	Continue to promote the Priory and inform about events and projects via local media
Links with British Museum, English Heritage, Historic Scotland, UK Cluniac Group and the European Federation of Cluniac Sites (FESC)	Help to establish and support Cluny in Britain organisation at inaugural meeting at the British Museum Links with FESC strengthened by visits to Cluny and participation in FESC events	Continue to participate in UK Cluniac Group Lead the establishment of education and heritage best practice for the European Federation of Cluniac Sites Develop engagement and exchange programme with other Cluniac sites (UK and Europe) Work on 3D (more usual) digitisation of Priory artefacts via Clunypedia
Widely used web-site and growing presence on social media	Informative website, updated regularly; Facebook and Twitter accounts; monitoring of TripAdvisor comments; installation of QR codes on site for download of audio guides	Continue to review and edit website to ensure ease of use, better reflection of the Trust's aims and relevant information. Extend use of Facebook and Twitter Monitor use of social media and consider developing specific apps

Timescale

Within 1 year	<p>Establish a Young People's forum and extend the involvement of young people with the Priory</p> <p>Help to establish and support Cluny in Britain organisation</p> <p>Lead the establishment of education and heritage best practice for the European Federation of Cluniac Sites</p> <p>Install a 3D model on site</p>
Within 3 years	<p>Identify, photograph and catalogue artefacts relating to the Priory</p> <p>Develop a small range of Priory merchandise to generate funds and raise Priory profile</p> <p>Develop engagement and exchange programme with other Cluniac sites (UK and Europe)</p> <p>Develop volunteer programme</p> <p>Extend interest and involvement in the Priory to schools beyond the Lewes area</p> <p>Consider extending the herb garden to provide separate areas for health, culinary and spiritual herbs</p> <p>Acquire secure storage for Trust equipment</p>
Within 10 years	<p>Toilets on site or nearby</p> <p>Have electricity available on site</p> <p>Consider a project for an interpretation centre on site</p> <p>Ensure that the Priory of St Pancras Lewes is included in textbooks and information about Medieval Monasteries</p> <p>Acquire proper storage for Priory artefacts (especially Priory stones) to allow access for research</p>
Continuing Plans	<p>Extend involvement of the people of Lewes and beyond in all aspects of the Priory</p> <p>Develop on-going funding streams to enable projects to take place</p> <p>Preserve the buildings and enhance the site for future generations</p> <p>Ensure that the Priory is visited by all Lewes School children</p> <p>Ensure that the Priory is included in curricula of all Lewes Schools and has cross curricula relevance</p> <p>Continue to develop innovative and exciting educational resources in collaboration with teachers and teacher trainers</p> <p>Maintain strong links with local schools, colleges and universities.</p> <p>Develop further understanding of the Priory through lecture programme, research, archaeology</p> <p>Develop and support use of the site by a wide range of groups</p> <p>Extend strong links with local heritage organisations</p> <p>Extend engagement with community groups</p> <p>Active involvement with European Federation of Cluniac Sites and Clunypedia</p> <p>Extend engagement with British Museum</p> <p>Make the Priory site an important attraction for the tourist visiting Lewes- extending and enhancing the stay of visitors in Lewes</p> <p>Continue to develop innovative ways to interpret and present the site to a wide audience</p> <p>Continue to review and improve the website</p> <p>Continue to provide speakers for community groups</p> <p>Participate in annual Heritage Open Day event</p> <p>Work towards achieving national accreditation</p>

Appendix 1 **How the Trust works with existing heritage providers**

Local

Sussex Past/The Sussex Archeological Society

Lewes Priory Trust has a strong connection with Sussex Past. This is both a historical and present connection. Both Lewes Castle and the Priory were established by William de Warenne and his wife Gundrada. The Sussex Archeological Society (now Sussex Past) was founded in direct response to the unearthing of artefacts relating to the Priory during the construction of the railway in 1845.

Many artefacts from the Priory are in the keeping of Sussex Past and housed at Barbican House and Anne of Cleves House. Unfortunately most of these are not on display and so not available for the public to see. Lewes Priory Trust has undertaken to document and photograph artefacts from the Priory (housed in Lewes and beyond) and make these images available via the Trust's web-site. Sussex Past publishes an annual volume, "Sussex Archaeological Collections" which contains many articles of importance relating to the Priory.

- The Trust works with Sussex Past to establish a permanent exhibition about the Priory to be housed in Anne of Cleves House or elsewhere in Lewes.
- The Trust is involved in Sussex Past events where appropriate (e.g. Ancient Crafts day at Michelham Priory)

The Trust promotes the Castle, Barbican House and Anne of Cleves House in the Priory Trail leaflet and will continue to promote the new Anne of Cleves House tea-room to visitors to the Priory.

- The Trust has begun a series of research lectures open to the public to inform interest and research into the Priory
- The Trust works with Sussex Past to allow access to artefacts to facilitate research.
- The Trust will work with Sussex Past to establish protocols for borrowing artefacts from the Priory for use in the Trust's education programme.
- The Trust will look at the feasibility of staging a temporary exhibition in Lewes of artefacts from the Priory including possible loans from the British Museum collections.
- The Trust will look at the feasibility of having a permanent exhibition of Priory artefacts either on site or nearby .

St John the Baptist Church Southover

St John the Baptist Church, Southover was originally the hospitium (guest house) of the Priory. The bones of the founders, Gundrada and William de Warenne, are interred in a special chapel attached to the church. The chapel was built by public subscription in 1847 to house the bones of the founders, which had been unearthed by railway workers digging

the Brighton to Lewes railway line which bisects the Priory site. The caskets in which the bones had been re-buried are in the chapel together with the magnificent carved grave slab of Gundrada.

The Trust has developed close links with the Church and educational visits are often organised in conjunction with the Church. Pupils are able to visit the Gundrada Chapel and learn about the founders of the Priory and the coming of the railway in 1845. There is also an opportunity to learn about the Church and its mission. Linking education visits with the Church has the added advantage of allowing students to eat their lunch under cover and use the toilet facilities at the Church.

The Church has also been the venue for the Trust's study days, musical event and annual regional Women's Institute visit.

The Trust will continue to liaise with the Church to facilitate visits and to extend knowledge of the Gundrada Chapel.

Tourist Information Centre

The Trust has good relations with the Lewes Tourist Information Centre. Copies of the Trust's guidebook and postcards are on sale at the Tourist Information Centre and leaflets about the Priory and the Herb Garden, including in a range of foreign languages, are available from here.

The Trust provides the window display for the Tourist Information Centre once a year and uses this opportunity to publicise events at the site and promote interest in and visits to the Priory.

Lewes Football Club

Lewes Football Club (whose ground occupies land formerly belonging to the Priory) is undertaking a major regeneration programme and has embarked on the first phase of the project. The development will involve the creation of a café, with the possibility of display space for Priory artefacts. There will also be toilet facilities open to the public and education rooms that the Trust could hire.

The Trust will continue to develop relations with Lewes Football Club in order to explore the possibility of creating Priory exhibitions as part of the new development, and using the education room and cafe and toilet facilities in conjunction with organised visits.

Beyond the Lewes area

Sussex and Brighton and Hove

The Trust has developed links with schools in the Brighton and Hove area and with groups, such as the Women's Institute (WI) throughout Sussex.

The Trust also has strong links with the Art History Department of Sussex University and the School of Education at University of Brighton.

The Trust will continue to expand and develop these links.

British Museum

The Trust organised a successful conference at the British Museum in November 2014 bringing together representatives from all the major Cluniac sites in the UK.

The Trust organised a visit for students from Sussex University to the British Museum to learn more about the artefacts from the Priory displayed at the museum.

The Trust will continue to expand and develop these links.

Other UK Cluniac Sites

Following the successful inaugural conference with UK Cluniac sites at the British Museum in November 2015, a network of UK Cluniac sites has been established.

The Trust has initiated an embroidered banners project that will create a banner celebrating UK Cluniac sites.

The Trust will continue to play a part in this new network and encourage visits and exchanges of best practice between sites.

European Federation of Cluniac Sites

The Trust is a member of the European Federation of Cluniac Sites. Trustees visited Cluny in October 2013 and sent a delegation to the inaugural Cluniac Network and Tourism exhibition and conference in October 2014 held in Cluny . Strong links have been established and the Trust Education Officers have been asked to head a pan-European education best practice project (subject to funding).

Since 2006 the Council of Europe has designated the Cluniac sites as one of its major cultural routes. Lewes Priory is entitled to display the relevant emblem and will do this to emphasise the strong historical and contemporary links with other Cluniac sites.

The Trust has helped with English translations of Federation documents.

The Trust will continue to develop and extend relations with the Federation and offer practical assistance on projects where possible.

Sector analysis

Overview

Staycations

Trend for “staycations” and visiting local attractions on a day out basis are set to continue. This will mean that the priory can expect greater visitor numbers and interest. *Domestic Leisure Tourism Trends 2013-2023 Visit England in 2013*

Economic benefits

For every £1 spent on investment in heritage, £4 is generated in the local economy
Oxford Economics (2009).

Of every £1 spent as part of a heritage visit, only 32p is spent on site.* The remaining 68p is spent away from the attraction itself – but as a direct result of visiting heritage – in restaurants, cafés, hotels and shops, for example. *Heritage Counts 2014 The value and impact of heritage HLF*

**In the case of the Priory no money is spent on site and so all money generated from increased visitor numbers and interest accrues to businesses in Lewes*

The Priory, therefore, has a significant role to play in the economic development of Lewes and can claim a significant economic impact on business in Lewes as a result of its successful grant-funded projects.

Local Government

Lewes District Council

The Economic Impact of Tourism Study (2012) for the Lewes district continues to demonstrate the importance of tourism to the local economy. The report estimates that the Lewes District welcomes 3.1 million visitors a year, contributing £155 million to the local economy and supporting 2300 jobs (7% of the District's workforce).

One of Lewes District Council's tourism objectives is to extend visitor time in Lewes from half a day to one day to increase visitor enjoyment and spend. The linking of attractions such as the Priory with the Castle and Anne of Cleves House will assist in this aim.

Significant Council Strategy documents:

1. Regeneration Strategy for Lewes District Council 2012-15 “Building a Brighter Future”

Welcoming Visitors' as one its five key priorities. The target is to increase visitor spending, achieve higher levels of visitor satisfaction and boost awareness of the area amongst visitors and local businesses.

2. “Welcoming Visitors: Strategic tourism vision and action plan 2015-2018”

stresses the need to:

- focus on cultural tourism.
- identify opportunities with heritage providers, local heritage groups and Town Councils to maximise visitor experience across District heritage sites.
- undertake an audit and scoping work of the wider heritage provision, interpretation and visitor experience within Lewes District e.g. town walk and trails, Lewes Castle, Newhaven Fort, Seaford Martello Tower

- commission an annual Cambridge Economic Impact Survey and commission bi-annual Cambridge volume & value model
- carry out a bi-annual visitor survey in the main District towns

Lewes Priory Trust will liaise with Lewes District Council to ensure that the Priory and Priory Park are included in all these initiatives. The Trust will also use the results of research undertaken by the District Council to underpin grant applications and further work.

East Sussex County Council

Significant Council Strategy documents

1. East Sussex Economic Development Strategy 2012

By 2021, East Sussex will boast a thriving and high value visitor economy, renowned for its natural assets, unique heritage, culture, market and coastal towns.

2. East Sussex Cultural Strategy 2013-2023

Priority Three: Develop and promote well packaged cultural tourism offers which celebrate the identity of East Sussex, raise its profile and attract more visitors and businesses to the County

Lewes Priory Trust will continue to liaise with the County Archaeologist and the External Funding Officer to ensure that the Priory is included in these plans, written by others, and that the Trust accesses support available through Council initiatives.

Education

School budgets are increasingly being squeezed; at the same time teachers are being encouraged to take children outside the classroom to enhance their educational experiences.

Department for Education

Cultural Education in England DfE 2012 (*The Henley Review of Cultural Education*): “It is vital that the schools have teachers who recognise the importance of cultural education within their schools and have the training, experience and tools to teach it to a high level” and the Department for Education response stressed that, “Enjoying and participating in cultural life should be available to all children and young people: it must not be restricted to those children whose families already participate in cultural activities.”

Learning Outside the Classroom 2006 (*Government manifesto*) “ Learning outside the classroom is about raising achievement through an organised, powerful approach to learning in which direct experience is of prime importance. This is not only about what we learn but importantly how and where we learn.”

Schools

The Trust has a very good relationship with local schools and has received glowing feedback for all education initiatives. The Trust will continue to promote visits to the Priory and work with schools on extending interest and involvement.

Brighton University Initial Teacher Trainees

The Trust Education Officers work with Brighton University Initial Teacher Trainees to present cross curricula and innovative ways of using the Priory site. This work will continue.

The Health Agenda

Arts, culture and heritage have an impact on the nation's health and wellbeing. Visitors to heritage sites and museums are 20 per cent more likely to report good health. *The value of Arts and Culture to People and Society Arts Council England 2014*

The Trust will continue to seek to provide inclusive, community projects and encourage the use of Priory Park for healthy, outdoor activities.

Appendix 2 :Potential funders

Thanks to our current and recent funders: Heritage Lottery Fund, English Heritage, Lewes Town Council

Some Possible Potential Funders (not an exhaustive list)

Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF): Your Heritage, Awards for All, Young Roots, Sharing History.

Arts Council

Arts and Humanities Research Council

Bernard Sunley Foundation

Bothwell Charitable Trust

Ernest Kleinwort Charitable Trust

Ian Askew Charitable Trust

JC Robinson No 4 Trust

Miss Pannett Charitable Trust

Raymond and Blanche Lewison Charitable Trust

Woodward Charitable Trust

Garret Foundation Fund

Tudor Trust

Ernest Cook Trust

Peter Stormouth Darling Charitable Trust

Trusthouse Charitable Foundation

European Cultural Foundation Collaboration Grants

Clore Duffield Foundation

Council for British Archaeology

Esme Fairbairn Foundation

H B Allen Charitable Trust

Rayne Foundation

The Steel Charitable Trust

W H Smith Trust

Tesco Charity Trust