



# PILGRIM TRAILS

June 2018

## Our Bid has been submitted!

*On Friday 25th May the project team at Bassetlaw District Council hit the send button and electronically transferred the equivalent of four years hard work to the East Midlands Office of Heritage Lottery.*

### The BID

The **Activity Plan** alone is almost 200 pages of plans, statistics, projections and activities that will take place over the next three years.

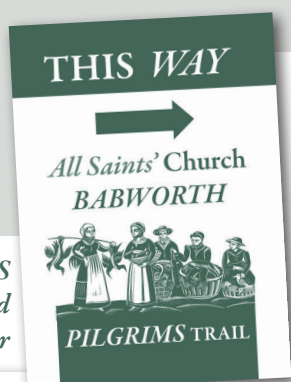
We won't know if we are successful until the end of **September 2018** but we feel confident that, irrespective of the outcome, we have done everything we possibly could to show why HLF should invest in this '**once in a century opportunity**' as the **400th anniversary** of the Mayflower reaching Plymouth, Massachusetts approaches.

So are we planning to sit and **relax** over the summer? **Absolutely not!** We have to be confident that our bid will be approved by Heritage Lottery and so we will be preparing tenders for contractors, getting job descriptions approved for two new members of staff, preparing media packs and all the other details that will enable us to **hit the ground running** as soon as we hear.

We will also be planning our very popular **Illuminate events** and more details of these will be revealed soon. Members of the project team will be out and about at events over the summer as part of Bassetlaw District Council's **Big Conversation Engagement Events**. Find us at **Ranskill** Scarecrow Festival, Kings Park 80th Birthday Celebrations in **Retford** and of course **Scrooby Show**. We will continue to publish this **newsletter** on a regular basis as we wait with baited breath!



*Leader of Bassetlaw District Council - Simon Greaves with Sandra Withington holding a copy of the proposed plans for the Pilgrims Gallery, outside Bassetlaw Museum*



*And a new **PILGRIMS TRAIL** will be launched next year*



### Mayflower 400 Compact Meeting Comes to North Nottinghamshire

The **Mayflower 400 Compact Partnership** is the national body that has been working towards the year-long programme of events to commemorate the **400th anniversary of the Pilgrims journey** to the New World. Led by Plymouth, the partnership comprises **11 destinations in UK** that have connections to the Mayflower story plus **partners in Leiden, Holland and Plymouth, USA**.

In the **Roots region**, Bassetlaw, Doncaster, West Lindsey, Boston and Immingham are partners. We meet regularly to discuss plans and share ideas such as putting joint bids together to Arts Council England for example, for **touring exhibitions and large scale events for 2020**. Bassetlaw District Council is delighted to host the **June meeting of Mayflower 400** and the **venue** we have chosen is the delightful **Hodsock Priory**.



*Hodsock Priory*

This is particularly appropriate as its owner George Buchanan is also Chair of **North Nottinghamshire's Business Improvement District** who have identified Mayflower 400 as one of their key opportunities over the next 5 years – and this support is an important factor in our own **HLF bid's evidence of sustainability**. We look forward to **welcoming** our **partners** from as far afield as **Dartmouth, Worcester and Southwark** to North Nottinghamshire.



*And if we are successful this is what our **PILGRIMS GALLERY** at Bassetlaw Museum will look like!*



*Almost all the parishes in the Retford area farmed sheep for their wool. It was brought to Retford to be spun and woven into cloth.*



## PILGRIM ROOTS Consultation – What did we learn?

A **huge thank you** to everyone who took part in our **consultation** exercise. We engaged with over 2500 people in total at **public events**, parish council meetings, visiting schools and asking people to participate in on-line surveys. We really enjoyed talking to you and were **overwhelmed by the positive support** for the project.

We specifically asked if you **liked** our themes of **MIGRATION, TOLERANCE** and **FREEDOM** and this was a resounding **yes**. We asked what aspects of the story were you most interested in, to help us decide on interpretation at the **museum**, on **trail boards** and the **website**. You told us you wanted more **emphasis on our own local stories** and the events that led the Separatists to flee, firstly to Holland and then on to America.

And we also asked if you **liked the design examples** that will be the 'brand' for our Pilgrim Roots activities. They received very positive comments from our consultees. We plan to **repeat these events** once we know we have succeeded with our application as we look forward to showing you how proposals have changed into very definite plans.



Consultation event at Scrooby

## Nottinghamshire County Council confirm £55k funding boost for Nottinghamshire PILGRIM heritage COMMEMORATIONS

Nottinghamshire County Council has pledged a further **£55,000** for events to mark the county's Pilgrim roots, as local and national plans are put in place to roll out the red carpet for an expected surge in **visitors from the United States** in 2020.

**Councillor Kay Cutts**, Leader of the Council said: "The 400th anniversary countdown of the Mayflower ship sailing from England and arriving in America provides an exciting opportunity for Nottinghamshire to **commemorate** its **Pilgrim ancestors** and to share their inspirational story with the world.

"Many places around the UK and further afield have links to the Pilgrims, but Nottinghamshire was **the place where it all began**. It gives me great pride that the amazing chain of events, which has had such a **huge impact on American history**, started right here in Nottinghamshire.



Councillor Kay Cutts

"Nottinghamshire is a place of legend, famous for its history and unique heritage. It is a place of **ambition**, where people are **industrious, pioneering** and **creative**. It is a place where business thrives, creating opportunities and prosperity.

Against this backdrop, Nottinghamshire County Council is committed to ensuring our area's contribution to the impact of the **Mayflower's journey** is recognised and fully maximised for generations to come."

The County Council is contributing £25,000 towards the Heritage Lottery Fund in support of activities led bid by the **Pilgrim Roots Partnership**, which includes the **County and District Councils**, tourism bodies and voluntary groups.

A further £30,000 has also been committed for activities to mark Nottinghamshire's wider association with the separatist's story and religious heritage to add to the tourism offer around the 2020 anniversary. These include **bespoke interpretation** and **exhibitions development** at **key sites**, **educational engagement** in schools through a **Thanksgiving themed school meal**, and a Nottinghamshire-focused marketing campaign.

## Did you know?

**Passenger William Mullins** from Dorking was a shoemaker by profession. His baggage consisted of over 250 shoes and 13 pairs of boots.

In 1979 US **Ambassador Kingman Brewster**, a descendant of **William Brewster**, laid the foundation stone for Scrooby Village Hall. In 2015, **Wrestling Brewster**, 11th generation descendent of William, unveiled a plaque in the same Village Hall, marking his visit following in the footsteps of his ancestor.

**Poor William Butten**, who some think came from Austerfield, although this is unproven, was called "a youth" by **Gov. William Bradford** in his passenger list of the Mayflower. He left as a servant with the family of **Dr. Samuel Fuller**. He was the only Mayflower passenger to die during the voyage itself, just three days before land was sighted.



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A class from Ordsall Primary School enjoying a Pilgrim workshop at Bassetlaw Museum

