



## **A resilient and sustainable future**

### **The Burton Constable Foundation secures National Lottery support**

The Burton Constable Foundation has received support from the National Lottery Heritage Fund to increase its organisation resilience and sustainability. Thanks to National Lottery players, the project aims to secure the future of Burton Constable by reviewing the effectiveness of the organisation, building capacity through adopting new ways of working, testing out ideas, increasing the skills of staff, volunteers and trustees and becoming more financially sustainable.

We believe that Burton Constable has the potential to achieve far more than it does at present. The House and collections are of national importance. The 18th century 'Cabinet of Curiosities' is the only one to survive in its original country house location and should be known by a much wider audience.

We are looking to create a detailed master plan that clearly identifies what can be done going forward to develop Burton Constable as a visitor destination, based on thorough research and consultation, in order to maximise its resilience and financial sustainability and to provide the robust basis and justification for future funding bids.

We are looking to change attitudes and behaviours and to make sure that our staff, trustees and volunteers have the skills and resources to make better decisions.

We want to bring redundant buildings back into use, maximise income generation potential and secure new sources of funding through commercial and fundraising activities.

Commenting on the award, Robert Sword, Chair of the Trustees of the Burton Constable Foundation said: "We're delighted that we've received this support thanks to National Lottery players to help secure the future of Burton Constable. The funding gives us the opportunity to look at how we attract new audiences and develop new income streams to ensure that Burton Constable continues to fulfil the potential that the National Heritage Memorial Fund first realised in 1992 when the house and grounds were saved for the nation."

## **Notes to editors**

### **About The Burton Constable Foundation**

The Burton Constable Foundation was established in 1992 to maintain for public benefit Burton Constable Hall, together with its collections, associated buildings and parkland and to conserve them and make them available to members of the public.

Burton Constable Hall is a stunning Elizabethan mansion in the heart of rural East Yorkshire



Burton Constable is open to the public from mid-January to mid-December and attracts approximately 32,000 visitors each year. A programme of changing exhibitions is offered in the Hall and Carriage House. Events and activities are held throughout the year.

### **About The National Lottery Heritage Fund**

Using money raised by the National Lottery, we **Inspire, lead** and **resource** the UK's heritage to create **positive and lasting change** for people and communities, now and in the future. [www.heritagefund.org.uk](http://www.heritagefund.org.uk).

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