

Public support 'crucial' to heritage funding

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The museum that houses Dacorum's rich history needs the public's support to secure a funding boost.

Dacorum Heritage Trust is hoping a Lottery grant will help extend its collection and make its archives easier to access.

The Trust has planned two exhibitions to display its plans and has invited the public to lend support to the funding application.

A cash injection from the Heritage Lottery fund will help to refurbish the Trust's Museum Store, based in Berkhamsted.

It is hoped the semi-derelict barns on Clarence Road could be demolished and replaced with a new two-storey building.

There is also scope for new staff offices plus an IT hub with an updated programme for using the archive.

The exhibitions will be open to the public on Thursday, March 5, from 2pm to 6pm, and on Friday, March 6, between 10am and 5pm.

Questionnaires will be available to visitors to help the Trust to assess public opinion on its proposals.

Curatorial assistant Nina Bevan said: "The questionnaire is an important factor within our Heritage Lottery Fund grant application.

"Completion of the questionnaire is crucial to proving that we have the support of the local community."

For more details contact The Museum Store on 01442 879525 or curator@dacorumheritage.org.uk.