



Future Use Seminar

1st Feb 2018



Agenda

- **What we need from this evening**
- **What has been done in the last two years**
- **The Conservation Management Plan**
- **Overview of top eight new use ideas**
- **Questions and your participation**
- **Close by 9pm**

St. Mary's, Devizes, Wiltshire

Conservation Management Plan January 2018 issue.



St Mary Devizes from the south east.

St Mary's Church, New Park Street, Devizes SN10 1DS

Changes from April 2017 to November 2017

Following the DAC informal advice of 24 May 2017, 25 October and 27 November and other communications a number of improvements and corrections have been made. They are too many to document individually.

Changes in the January Issue:

Assessments of the organ and bells raised following advice from the CBC.

Clarification of ADCA guidance in policy 7.4

Minor corrections to text, updated index



Assessment categories

- **Exceptional**
- **Considerable**
- **Some**
- **Little**
- **Negative**

Exceptional Significance

- Religious
- Architectural
- Setting in the townscape

Its place in town



Considerable Significance

- Historic
- Archaeological
- Communal
- Educational and Tourism
- Acoustics

Major General William Hull John Garth



Some Significance

- Monuments and memorials
- Pews - Part of the 1855 re-ordering
- Coat of arms
- Doors
- Stained glass

Little Significance

- Altar and Priests Chair
- Pulpit and Font
- Madonna della Seggiola – oil on board

Negative Rating

- Electric Supply
- Water Supply
- Heating

Suggested new uses

- Action venue such as paint balling, go carts
- Art gallery
- Bowling alley
- Café
- Carpet warehouse
- Central home for different charities
- Church for another congregation
- Cinema
- Dual use church and community space
- Craft workshop
- Dedicated theatre
- Drop in centre
- Food store/food bank
- Murder mystery / crystal maze
- Non-Christian worship space
- Redundant church
- Residential and office use
- Soft play area
- Sports centre - climbing wall, skate boarding, volley ball

Top eight suggested uses

Suggestion	Points	Rank
Dual use church & community space	656	1
Art gallery	610	2
Dedicated theatre	590	2
Central home for different charities	563	2
Craft workshop	549	5
Church for another congregation	539	7
Café	537	7
Drop in centre	531	5

Art Gallery

- Commercial art gallery
- Local art groups
- Funding for the work?

Café

- Devizes has over twenty cafés.
- Not much passing trade
- Not viable as a café only

Central Home for Charities

- Charities need a cost effective way to -
 - Share office space
 - Have storage
 - Have modern IT facilities
- Which charities?

Church for another Congregation

- No need for another Anglican church in Devizes
- Poor Lands funding question if not another Christian church

Craft Workshop

- Needs of an art gallery – but worse!
- Financial viability
- Enough support for continuous use?

Dedicated Theatre

- Devizes has The Wharf
- Not enough footfall to support two companies
- How to leave open for the public?

Drop-in Centre

- Open Doors has absorbed Opendoor
- Open Doors helps homeless and vulnerable adults.
- Uses the facilities of other town churches.

Dual use church and community space

- Is better described as the Multi-use concept
- Shown to be a viable new use.
- Requires external build
- The main running cost of this use would be staffing.

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- Questions
- Colour dots and stars
- Questions
- Post it comments
- Next steps
- Closing remarks



Now Your Post-it Ratings

- Yellow – yes I believe it will work
- Red - Not viable – not going to work
- But now Questions



Post your comments

- Use Post-Its provided
- Fill in the forms provided



Thank you for coming



The Taylor Review Dec 2017

- Reporting to the Chancellor and Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport.
- Its aim has been to examine the funding and sustainability of listed Church of England buildings
- How can they be conserved for future generations?

Key Findings - A More Coherent Approach

- The long-term survival of Church of England church buildings
- How can they survive?
- New and different uses for buildings
- Ownership