

EDUCATION & VISITOR CENTRE

Creating a new
multi-purpose facility
to support the charity's
Education Programme



"Cultivating young minds"

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THE LINCOLNSHIRE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Society was formed in 1869 with the objectives being:

“The furtherance, welfare and progress of the Agricultural Industry and all professions, trades and crafts connected therewith”.

Today those objectives are more important than ever to us, as we strive to promote food, farming and the countryside in an environmentally sustainable way.

The Charities education objective:

“To promote food, farming and the countryside in an environmentally sustainable way”.

Our aim is to:

Educate future generations on the importance of farming, food production and the countryside and to provide careers advice to attract new entrants to agriculture and its allied trades.

This is achieved by:

Providing a year-round education programme that delivers unique hands on learning experiences for young people and the teachers that influence them.



WE'VE COME A LONG WAY OVER THE LAST 5 YEARS...

Thanks to a grant from Lincolnshire Community Foundation we were able to employ Rosie Crust as a full time Education & Development Officer in 2014.

Rosie's knowledge of farming and her career as a primary teacher have guided our projects to ensure they link to the National Curriculum and meet our Members' objectives.

In 2019, thanks to the support from the Trafford Fund, we employed Suzy Stone as a part time Educational Events Administrator.

These developments have enabled us to continue to develop our reach into schools and increase our opportunity to enhance the engagement with secondary schools, with a particular focus on showcasing the multitude of careers within the agricultural industry and its allied trades.





INCREASING OUR REACH AND HOW WE DELIVER...

The Lincolnshire Agricultural Society delivers a range of projects that support young people, both those already working in agriculture and food production, and the workforce and consumers of the future. This through its growing programme of activities with schools, teachers and our younger Members.



Over 12,600
young people
involved in 2019!

LINCOLNSHIRE SHOW

In 1869 the Show was established to share best practice in animal and crop husbandry; to make awards for innovation and reward hard work and technical skills. These remain its focus today!

LIVESTOCK AND MACHINERY TOURS

A guided tour by a Society Member is the highlight of the Show for many young students. Over 6,000 students in total visited the 2019 Lincolnshire Show.

TRACTORS INTO SCHOOLS

Building closer links between young people and the farming community for children to understand the role a tractor plays in bringing food to our tables.

FARMHOUSE BREAKFAST WEEK

Interactive workshops teaching over 200 students per year about the importance of breakfast and the journey it takes from farm-to-fork.

IMPACT GROUP

The Under 35 group has over 200 members who enjoy a range of technical and social visits. New for 2019 is a Business Support Programme with business related lectures and discussion groups.

FARMING CONFERENCE

An educational and networking event for Members and the wider agricultural community the 2019 conference looked to the future with robotics, Brexit and conservation as key topics

SCHOOLS CHALLENGE

Ten challenges focused on food, farming, the environment, the local community and sustainability – all intrinsically linked to the National Curriculum.

LINCOLNSHIRE DAY

A day of celebration and workshops to promote Lincolnshire's traditions, history and culture to the younger generation. Now taking place over two days due to popular demand.

COUNTRYSIDE LINGS

An interactive learning event to bring Lincolnshire food, farming, countryside and heritage to over 4,000 visitors.

GRANTS FOR SCHOOLS

Offered using both Society funds and with access to other supportive charities, every year we help with farm visits, school garden projects and access to our own healthy eating programmes for school children.

GRANTS FOR YOUNG AGRICULTURALISTS

The Society has supported Nuffield scholars and promotes their programme. It funds from the Trafford legacy an Impact Member to attend the Oxford Farming Conference and offers grants to Members to attend the Worshipful Company of Farmers management programmes.

"Education is key to success in life, and teachers make a lasting impact in the lives of their students"

- SOLOMON ORTIZ



THE LINCOLNSHIRE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY & EDUCATING FOR THE FUTURE

The Society's Education programme engages with students, trainees and teachers by providing continuous professional development and training.



Trainee teachers at the Lincolnshire Show

1 INITIAL TEACHER TRAINING

Developing strong links with over 110 Bishop Grosseteste University trainee teachers to encourage ways food and farming can be incorporated in to the curriculum.

2 TEACHER'S TRAINING AT THE LINCOLNSHIRE SHOW

Equipping over 60 teachers, school support staff and trainee teachers with the confidence, knowledge and resources to deliver powerful learning experiences on food, farming and the Countryside.

3 FROM FIELD TO FORK AGRI-FOOD CAREERS EVENT

Opportunity for Secondary students to discover more about the wide variety of careers available across Lincolnshire biggest employer, the Agri-Food industry.



WHAT NEXT... THE UPGRADE OF OUR EDUCATIONAL FACILITY

The old Exhibition Hall is the home for educational events at the Showground and it requires renovation and improvement.

The current building requires a new roof, windows, lighting and re-wiring. The project converts it to an educational building which will provide a modern well-lit and safe, large space for the Schools Challenge, Countryside Lincs, Lincolnshire Day, Agri-Food Careers day and will enable us to develop new initiatives.

When not in use for educational purposes the facilities will be let out. Every penny earned is used to support the Charity's work and educational programmes.

It will provide smaller classroom style space to support hands on training for teachers and pupils.

It will provide kitchen facilities to be used for the development of healthy eating programmes including Farmhouse Breakfast Weeks.



CHANGING PLACES, CHANGING LIVES

The new Entrance Lobby will provide a Changing Places toilet and washroom. Over a 1/4 million people in the UK need Changing Places toilets to enable them to get out and about and enjoy day to day activities others take for granted. It has been designed to be accessible from within the building and from the car park to ensure the facility will always be available for students and visitors with special needs.

INTRODUCING THE EDUCATION & VISITOR CENTRE

Timber to overclad the portal framed structure will provide a sustainable, cost effective and a warm appearance that harmonises with the surrounding buildings and open landscape

The proposed timber cladding mimics the humble farm buildings of the surroundings, and detail of the Epic Centre

The changing places toilet facility can be accessed both internally and externally will make the building more accessible for children and adults with disabilities and special needs where standard toilets do not meet their requirements. This will enable us to be more inclusive and at the same time give them a newfound freedom

This project will change, renovate and modernise the current building using modern technologies to create a fit for purpose education and events venue

The design strategy includes use of the existing steel frame and the existing brickwork. The overall project is to embody sustainable materials and construction methodologies where possible to create minimum environmental impact



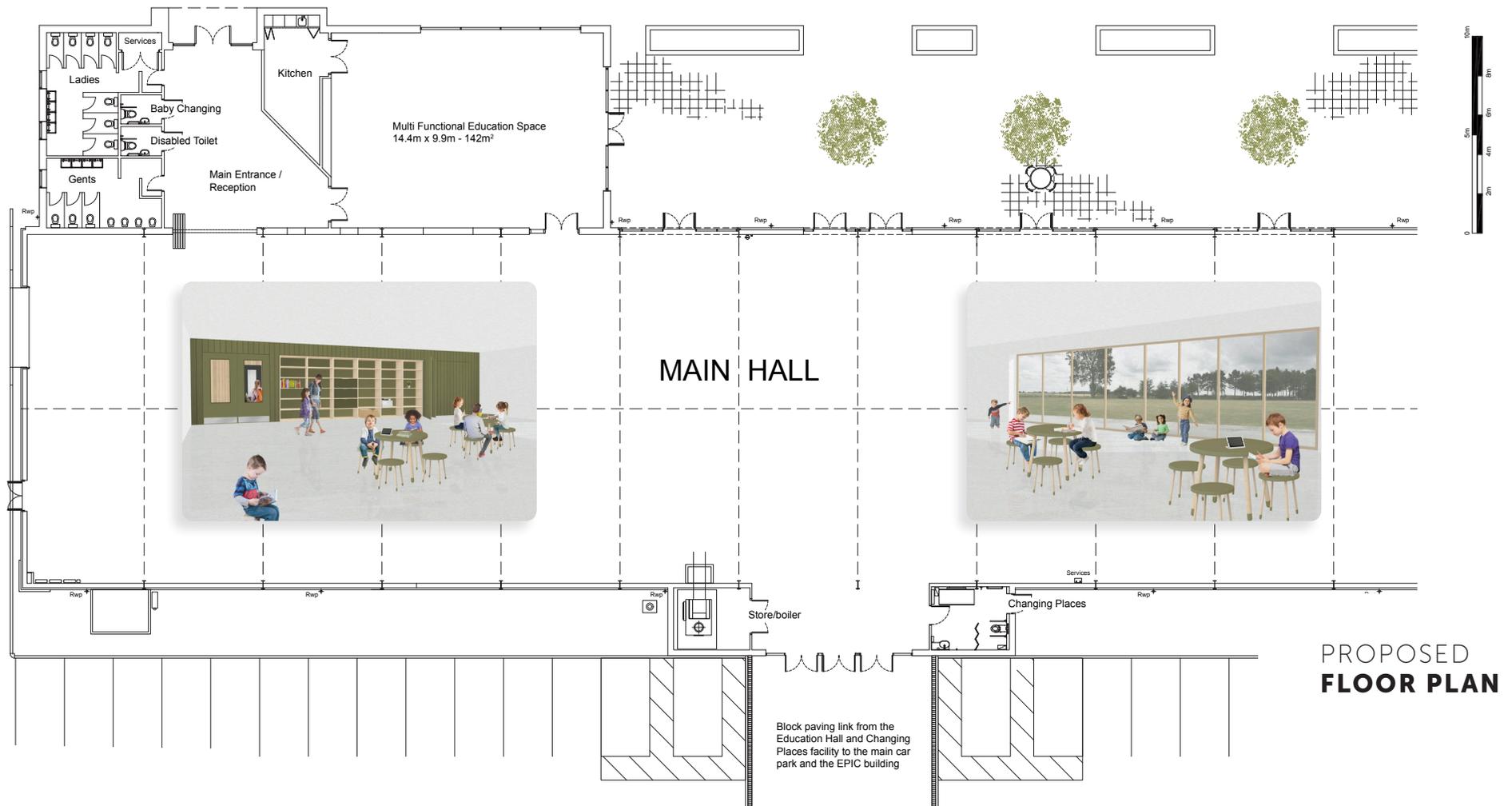
The existing front lounge will be transformed into a new multi-functional flexible space with modern classroom/training facilities. This will include latest technologies, which will enable us to increase the number of education and training activities and assist in delivering our charitable objectives.

Additions include AV, WiFi, a Changes Places facility and kitchen/support space.

We will replace the old industrial lighting with adjustable modern LED lighting

New larger openings to support the spaces new use

External lighting will be LED fittings installed with movement detection and daylight shut off devices to minimise consumption



PROPOSED FLOOR PLAN

THE BENEFITS OF THIS NEW FACILITY INCLUDE THE OPPORTUNITY TO...

- **Enhance our Schools education programme** by providing more healthy eating and cookery workshops
- **Offer Trainee Teachers more training, guidance and resources** on how to embed food and farming into the curriculum
- **Increase our engagement with Secondary schools** by hosting an Agri-Food Careers event
- **Provide continuous professional development training for teachers and support staff**, offering courses associated with outdoor learning, growing and health and well-being
- **Support our IMPACT members** by providing further workshops, business skills and training
- **Provide family-based learning** with a particular focus on healthy eating and cooking



Rosie, Education and Development Officer

EDUCATION CENTRE AND THE LINCOLNSHIRE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Lincolnshire Agricultural Society has led this project and can borrow funds to underwrite the full cost. The Charity is seeking funding from Trusts, Companies and Private Individuals to support this project and the further development of its Educational work.

*"Education is the most powerful
weapon which you can use to
change the world"*

- NELSON MANDELA

SOURCE OF FUNDS

Of the £985,000 required, the following has been identified:

Sheila Trafford Legacy	£350,000	Secured
John Godfrey's Legacy	£100,000	Secured
Private Donations	£100,000	Secured

GIFT AID

**EACH £1,000 DONATED CAN COST
A TAXPAYER AS LITTLE AS £640**

For example, a donation of £800 is made; LAS claim 25% gift aid making the gift worth £1000. If you pay tax above the basic rate you can claim the difference between the rate you pay and the basic rate on your donation, currently a maximum of 20%, £160 in this example.

THE COST

We are taking the building back to its steel frame and then altering and refurbishing.

Renovation of Main Hall and external space	£395,000
Extension of Entrance Lobby to provide space for a Changing Places facility	£90,000
Conversion of Reception Buildings including Satellite Kitchen	£285,000
Changing Places Facility	£40,000
Furniture and Classroom Equipment	£20,000
Upgrade Lighting, WIFI and IT/AV	£80,000
Professional Fees	£75,000
Total Estimated Cost	£985,000



John Lockwood, 2019 President of
The Lincolnshire Agricultural Society

"Throughout our 150 years, the Society has flourished due to the generosity of the members and supporters."



Jane Hiles, Chairman of The
Lincolnshire Agricultural Society

"This project enables us to step up the Charity's work in educating future generations on all aspects of food, farming and the Countryside."



Jayne Southall,
CEO Lincolnshire Showground

"It keeps our Society ahead in providing the best facilities to deliver our educational and events programmes."



Alex Olivant, Member of
the Impact Group

"Membership of the Impact group has extended my network and opened doors for me. To be awarded the 2020 Oxford Farming Conference Scholarship is the icing on the cake."

'Alex Olivant Member of the Impact Group, Panellist at 2017 Farming Conference and Award winner of 2020 LAS Trafford Scholarship to the Oxford Farming Conference

