

Refurbishment of the mosaic

Background

In 1953, the Village planted trees along Bridge Street by the side of the Fosdyke Canal to celebrate the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

Sixty years later, as part of the Village Diamond Jubilee Project – A Lasting Legacy, children from Saxilby Church of England Primary School created a mosaic mural to celebrate that event. The mural was attached to the flood wall. All 280 pupils contributed to the project.

The ceramic wall picture is approximately 12ft x 2ft (3 square metres) consisting of 216 large tiles and a framework of 88 smaller tiles.

The total amount included design time, materials, work in school, firings and the installation of the tiled picture was £1010.00.

Unfortunately, over time the elements have caused some of the tiles to fall off the flood wall and in 2018 and they were removed for safety.

This year, the Queens' Platinum Jubilee is the time to refurbish the mosaic and mount it in a frame so it can be viewed by the community once more.

Method

To hold a workshop of up to six sessions to remove the cement from the edges using small craft tools. Janet Scholey, an experienced and well-known mosaic artist will oversee the workshops to ensure careful handling of the tiles. The tiles will then be set in cement on a framed board to minimise the risk of weather damage in the future.

Summary

There is funding available for the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebration projects. It is proposed that all the artwork for the regeneration of Bridge Street Conservation Area is part of a funding bid.

This project will involve the community ensuring the mosaic is preserved and visible to the public once more.

Recommendation

To agree for Bridge Street Working Group to apply for Queens Platinum Jubilee Funding as part of a bigger funding application to cover artwork in the Conservation Area.

Project		Costs	Timeline	Total cost
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Tiles	Approx. 300		February/March 2022	
Mosaic artist	£20 per hour	Six workshops		£120
Venue	St Andrews Community Centre	Free room hire as Parish council project		£0
Volunteers	Volunteers x 10	Hold workshops to repair and refurbish the mosaic	Workshops x 6 Community volunteers	£0
Mounting the mosaic on a board	Tools, board and cement	Tools x 10= £50 Board ???? Frame??? Cement? Grout?		
	Funding available	Apply for funding		