

Proposed Capital Refurbishment works to the court building 2017

The court building, which is in many respects should be considered derelict, has been in CYN's ownership for the past three years. During this period it has been thoroughly surveyed and over £250000 invested in repairs and improvements. These have included roof works to make the building watertight, asbestos removed, dry rot treatment, toilet improvements, structural repairs, vermin eradication, electrical works and general debris removal. During this period we have leased sections of the building to 'Bristol Airsoft', who find the dilapidated state of the building suitable for a range of activities such as filming and music events, with some difficulty due to the lack of some services.

CYN have an aspiration to bring the building back to its full beneficial use and are currently working towards obtaining a Heritage Lottery Grant to cover a large proportion of the funding required. This process will take a number of years to bear fruit.

Whilst the application for Heritage Funding is in progress we would like to undertake a program of immediate capital works to the Magistrates Court which would:

1. Undertake to bring back more of the building into use as soon as possible.
2. Make the building safer by improving the fire escape routes, replacing missing floors and shutting off sections of the building, which need long term finance.
3. Improve the quality of some rooms and make them more usable for a variety of functions
4. Improving the building services to make it more manageable for music events and community use.
5. The attached schedule of works was proposed to consider what would be the best next phase for the refurbishment of the building.

The attached plans indicate the nature and the location of all prepared works and are cross referenced to the schedule of works.