



Celebratory April Newsletter 2021

Chair Chatters with Barrie...

I am delighted to tell all our volunteers and supporters that, after many months of hard work by Trustees and project managers, we have at long last been given clearance to start work on the abbey restoration, conservation and archaeological works.

The Trust has, over the last eighteen months, worked its way through the Development Phase with the National Lottery Heritage Fund and Historic England. The preliminary works of the Delivery Phase has now been given the all clear to proceed in appointing contractors for all the conservation works.

Over the next two months we shall have “boots on the ground” and begin to see scaffolding erected and activity on site, including the first test pits as the archaeologists begin investigating various parts of the abbey site.

We will have our stand at the forthcoming Medieval Market over the weekend of the 22nd May so come and see us to get more information and learn of the opportunities to get involved and meet Natalie Hanson, our Community Engagement Worker. Our Trust gazebo will be located by the cloister arch.

A huge thank you to all of you for your patience and continued support over the past few years. It has been a long and sometimes frustrating slog to get to this point but at long last we will be able to see the fruits of all our labours!

Hope to meet up with you soon,
Barrie



Not only are we very excited about our Permission to Start but last week Nicola Dyer, Project Manager, finally got to visit the site since she was re-appointed Delivery Stage PM in December. Although she has been working with Nat since January, this was the first time they got to meet in real life and not through a Zoom call! Look out for Nicola's updates in the forthcoming newsletters.