



## **Winterbourne Medieval Barn**

Winterbourne Medieval Barn is a building of national importance. Built in 1342, it is the only surviving medieval great barn recorded to have been built by a gentry family and is one of the largest and earliest raised-cruck barns.

The £1.7m Winterbourne Medieval Barn redevelopment project will conserve and enable new uses for the magnificent Grade II\* listed 14<sup>th</sup> century Court Farm Barn and associated out buildings, ensuring long-term sustainability for this nationally significant heritage asset by placing it at the heart of the local community. The project has received a grant of £936,600 from the Heritage Lottery Fund towards its delivery costs, which includes a comprehensive programme of activities.

The site, which is owned by South Gloucestershire Council, is currently operated under licence by Winterbourne Medieval Barn Trust. The Trust looks after the site on a day to day basis and offers a range of community, social and cultural activities throughout the year including Medieval Fayre, Orchard Harvest Day and Carols in the Barn.

The project will open up access to the entire site, providing a range of interpretive experiences within these spaces, offering a new year-round heritage and rural craft themed activities programme for people of all ages, including a schools programme, and expand the Barn's successful public events programme. Opportunities for volunteers will be greatly extended.

The former Cart Shed has already been developed as a separate project and has served as the venue for many of the learning activities, both during the redevelopment of the rest of the site and this will continue when the site opens to the public in Spring 2020. The Trust will move to a new business model with paid staff running the site operations under the terms of a new 25-year lease from South Gloucestershire Council.

The project will also enable the site to be made available for more income generating activities, including commercial hire by community groups and individuals, and rentable workshop space for artisans practicing traditional crafts. This will help bring the site back into daily use and sustain its long-term future.