

The Corfe Castle Town Trust's Museum

The Corfe Castle Town Trust's trustees have all agreed to alter the current Museum display. They hope to produce a more modern display with a better understanding of how the village evolved with clearer displays, better lighting, labelling and use of space and, hopefully, a contactless payment point. It will stand as a testament to the Trust's benefactors, Bill Carter, a past Chairman, and Graham White, who have enabled this to take place. The National Trust have agreed to contribute some castle stone, money, assistance, and maybe a canon ball, and Nick King has donated some of his mid-iron age pottery found at Townsend. The dinosaur footprints will remain. There are certain items held by the Dorset Museum, which were given to them, and which they might be willing to loan back to The Trust but this is still to be discussed. As a very small, unmanned Museum, not everything can be included so the history will have to be selective. The Trust is almost completely reliant now on donations from the Museum as a source of income as the chamber is rarely let after COVID-19.

Planning permission will be sought for the removal of part of the 1889 wooden staircase and the payment point (if it affects the structure). It is hoped to have this completed by Christmas.