



ST. GEORGE'S GUILDHALL

July 2026 – Newsletter 2

An exciting new phase is now underway at St George's Guildhall, the UK's oldest working theatre and a place of exceptional heritage significance. This transformational project will protect and celebrate the Guildhall's historic fabric while reimagining the site as a dynamic visitor attraction and cultural hub.



PROJECT UPDATES

Current works on site

Through June, our main contractor has continued to make good progress across the site. Making use of the scaffolding, repair works are now underway to the Red Barn and Guildhall roofs, addressing the essential structural repairs and ensuring the roof's ongoing integrity.

At the Riverside Restaurant, the existing roof coverings have been fully stripped, and the area is being assessed by the design team to confirm the scope and requirements for repairs. Progress has also continued at the Shakespeare Barn, where excavation works for the new drainage runs are currently underway, supporting the next phase of building works.

The planning application has now been submitted for the public realm works on King Street. These works aim to cater for the expected increase in visitors to the Guildhall by improving the setting, access and safety for pedestrians and other road users on King Street.

Upcoming activities and milestones

The next phase of work includes the restoration of the Crown Post Truss and works to confirm the brick work repairs.

PROJECT TIMELINES

Following the start of construction at the end November 2025, the works are now under way with a view to the site re-opening in 2028. Some key dates for the project are set out below:

- Construction Period – Winter 2025 to Summer 2028
- Interpretation fit out – Summer 2028 to Autumn 2028
- Site-reopening – Late Summer 2028

MEET THE TEAM

In the last issue we introduced the wider team, but over the next few issues we'll introduce you to the people delivering the project. This month it's the turn of Liam and Alex from **Pulse Consult**, who work as Project Managers and Contract Administrators on behalf of the Borough Council for the project:



**Liam Bacon – Senior
Project Manager**

**Alex Evans- Assistant
Project Manager**

Liam and Alex serve as Project Managers and Contract Administrators for the project, providing oversight of the contractual processes and supporting collaboration across the project team. Their roles help ensure that project objectives are achieved and that progress is maintained throughout the construction phase.

Liam commented. *“It is a privilege to be involved in such a landmark project. We are excited to help breathe new life into this important heritage asset, safeguarding its historic character while ensuring it continues to serve and inspire the local community for many years to come.”*

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

There will be lots of chances for people to get involved as the project progresses. Our contractors and events team will be running a range of activities and engagement events for everyone to take part in.

To keep up to date with the latest developments, visit the Council's Facebook page [here](#), where we regularly share project news, team video updates, and information about upcoming activities and events.

Over the summer, our events team will be running the **Summer of Dragons** – a series of events across the summer that celebrate the magical dragons that fill our favourite books and stories as part of the National Year of Reading. With sessions taking place at libraries across West Norfolk and Stories of Lynn, there's plenty of dragon-themed fun for young adventurers.

Family Fun Sessions – Enjoy storytelling, games, crafts and drama (suitable for ages 4-11, £2 per child, accompanying adults free). Sessions between 10.30am – 11.45am and 12.30pm - 1.45pm.

23rd July – Gaywood Library

29th July – Hunstanton Library

26th August – Downham Market Library

27th August – The Beacon, North Lynn

Dragon Arts Workshops – Creative, hands-on sessions for children (suitable for ages 5-11, £3 per child, drop off session).

10th, 17th and 22nd August at Stories of Lynn

Play in a Day – Create and perform a play all about Dragons with storytelling, games, crafts and drama.

24th August – 10.30am – 3pm at the Town Hall, Kings Lynn

Don't miss out - booking is essential for these events. To find out more and secure your place, visit: www.kingslynncornexchange.co.uk.

VOLUNTEER FOR THE GUILDHALL

Gain local knowledge, build your customer care skills and receive a rewarding experience in supporting West Norfolk's heritage, culture and tourism sector. We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join our team and help us bring our superb local area to life for our visitors. To learn more, contact us at culture@west-norfolk.gov.uk

RECENT SITE PHOTOGRAPHS



New doorways being installed



Old pathway discovered



Guildhall timber repairs



Temporary roof on Riverside



Guildhall Roof reinstatement



White Barn Roof being stripped

DELIVERED BY



FUNDED BY



Funded by



OUR PARTNERS



IN COLLABORATION



SUPPORTED BY

