

Newsletter – Special Edition - Autumn 2015

After a 10-year wait we have finally purchased a building of our own at 45 Eastborough, see images below. Thanks go to everyone who has helped to make this project happen and supported us along the way (see list of major donors on back page). We also thank 'Charity Bank' who loaned us £50,000 to complete the renovation work of the building. The sale completed on the 10th of June and our builder, Damon Swinfen of Derwent Design & Build, begun work immediately by replacing the old leaking roof.



Scaffolding goes up



Old roof comes off and insulation goes in



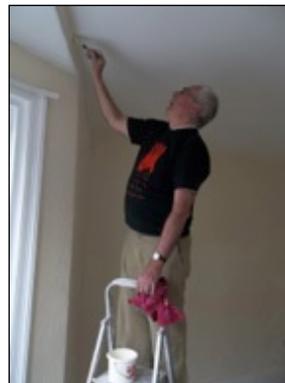
New roof in place



Back rendered & new windows

The property consists of a two bedroom flat above a shop with basement and cellar for storage below. The electrician has re-wired the flat and installed a fire alarm system ready for renting and paying back the 'Charity Bank' loan.

Over several weeks Maritime Centre volunteers & supporters decorated five rooms and the hallway in the flat. Over two weekends young men from the 'Community Payback' scheme helped with the work. By the end of August new carpets went in along with our new tenant. His rent will help pay the bank loan.



Some of our volunteers hard at work



Lounge



Bedroom



Bathroom



Kitchen

Work is now underway on the shop area to create a new and improved exhibition space that is double the size of our previous one. The raised area at the back is where our volunteers will work on computers and oversee visitors in the Centre. Below that will be our archive reference library and research area where visitors can read the thousands of books and files we have containing information about Scarborough's fantastic past.



Exhibition area and raised platform as they were when previously used as a gallery



Lower space will be a research area



Old storeroom will become volunteer's room

There is still a lot of work to do in re-wiring and fitting out the exhibition and basement storage areas. We hope to fit in many of the artefacts currently in off-site storage. The work should be completed at the end of October but we will need help with all the painting and decorating of these areas. **Please let us know if you can spare some time in October / November to help?** We are also applying for a Heritage Lottery Grant to buy display equipment and archive shelving to store and present our artefacts in a more professional manner.

Please join us for a Fantastic Fundraising Night of Fun
 Saturday 28th November, 7.30pm
 Scarborough Sub Aqua Club, St Mary's Street, YO11 1QJ
Pie & pea supper, live music, quiz and bar (Tickets £7.50)



View from back



SMHC members celebrate the purchase

Major donors who helped make this project possible:

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PLEASE HELP

We are always looking for friendly volunteers who can spare a few hours a week to help with filing, scanning, fundraising or greeting the public. Please call Lindy for a chat on 01723 369361, pop in or email us. We need to raise £10,000 to equip our new Centre. Anything you can give to help will be very gratefully received. Thank you.

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