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Free talk: Prince's Foundation tutor to discuss timber restoration and conservation

A traditional building craft tutor for The Prince's Foundation will be talking all things timber when he gives a free online talk as part of the Wisbech High Street Project next week.

Timber Restoration, Conservation and Techniques by Owen McClatchey is the next talk to be hosted by experts Lincoln Conservation, in partnership with Fenland District Council, as part of the project's activities programme.

Booking is now open to join the free talk, which is being held online via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, 1 March, at 6pm.

The talk will provide an introduction to historic building types, look at restoration vs conservation, and give practical steps for property owners looking after woodwork, including windows, doors, internal joinery, and timber frames.

There will also be a picture gallery of some of the buildings in Owen's portfolio, and a question-and-answer session.

Owen McClatchey, who has worked with historic buildings his entire career, has travelled across the UK working on a range of projects in restoration and conservation, including work on churches, museums, Oxford colleges and many vernacular buildings in traditional timber framing. For the past three years he has also been a visiting tutor on The Prince's Foundation Building Craft Apprenticeship leading the process of the Live Build, where students are tasked with creating a new structure using traditional skills in twelve weeks.

Cllr Chris Seaton, Fenland District Council's Portfolio Holder for Heritage, said: "There have been some fantastic, free talks hosted through the Wisbech High Street Project, and this one is no different. If you own a historic building or have an interest in timber restoration and conservation, don't miss your opportunity and book your place today.

"You can also watch recordings of previous talks on the project's YouTube channel."

The talk is completely free to join thanks to the Wisbech High Street Project, which is funded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund's Townscape Heritage scheme.

Book your free place

The talk will be held online via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, 1 March, at 6pm.

To book, email Fenland District Council's Creativity & Culture Development Officer, Jaime-Lea Taylor, on jtaylor@fenland.gov.uk. You will then be added to the list of participants and sent joining instructions via email.

- For more information on the Wisbech High Street Project, visit www.highstreetwisbech.org.uk
- You can watch live recordings of previous talks on the [Wisbech High Street Project's YouTube channel](#).

Notes to editors

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