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Latest heritage talk will have your historic wallpaper questions covered

Ever had the joy of renovating an old house? Peeling back generations of different styles of wallpaper, you would have seen the extensive range of styles and trends that have dominated our walls over the years.

Now conservation and history enthusiasts are being given the chance to learn more about the history of wallpaper, with tips on how to date wallpapers commonly found in the UK, in the latest free online talk to be held as part of the Wisbech High Street Project.

Wallpaper Talk will be the eighth in a series of heritage and conservation talks hosted by Lincoln Conservation in partnership with Fenland District Council as part of the project's ongoing community activities programme.

The talk by Phillipa McDonnell, a conservator and researcher of historic decorative surfaces at Lincoln Conservation, will be held online via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday 10 May at 6pm.

As well as providing a history of wallpaper and the origin of its use, the talk will look at some common conservation issues with historic wallpaper, such as health and safety risks posed by toxic historic wallpapers. It will also cover what to do if you find historic wallpaper in your property, and how it can be integrated into future designs.

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, 10 May, 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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