

# WINCHCOMBE TOWN HALL APPEAL

Winchcombe Town Hall sits at the very centre of Winchcombe on the corner of North Street and the High Street. It is a grade II listed building from the Victorian period, made of local Cotswold limestone and local brick. It is home to the town's museum and tourist information centre.

The Winchcombe Town Trust needs to raise £80,000 for the building.



The appeal is for repairs to the two limestone pillars and the limestone lintel, which hold up the wing of the town hall which fronts on to Winchcombe High Street. As can be seen from these photographs, these pillars and lintel are structurally essential, which makes these repairs both vital and complex. This is further complicated by the narrowness of the pavement in front of the building.

The stone is unfortunately a soft Cotswold limestone. It has been damaged by water running down the bay window above which is then channelled into the pillars. Recent cold winters have frozen water contained in the stone, which has then expanded, thus breaking the stone. The stone is literally crumbling. In some places water has penetrated and expanded cracks in the stone.



The area behind the pillars is the old town market place and is currently underused. As part of the project the area will form a community area with a permanent exhibition about Cotswold stone and a temporary exhibition area to be used by local groups, events and businesses. We aim to make the town hall more of a focus for the community and for visitors.

You can find out more by visiting <http://winchcombetownhall.weebly.com/>

Donations should be made payable to: Winchcombe Town Trust Town Hall Appeal.

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