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SMH - HOUSING AND SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE IN NEED

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The Malthouse Project

St Matthew Housing is set to preserve one of our town's most historic but neglected buildings and resurrect it to its former glory.



The Old Malthouse, Elsey's Yard, Bury St Edmunds

The Malthouse Project, just off Risbygate Street, will be an ideal marriage between the old and the new - a place for the whole community to benefit from. The completed development will have a café and heritage centre incorporated into the building's original architectural features.

This unique project aims to preserve one of the town's most important 'at risk' buildings and combine this with training opportunities for people in need. It will be a home and place of work for some of the people the charity supports.

The Malthouse is of important historical significance to Bury's long-standing heritage as a brewing town. Unfortunately this majestic listed building has fallen into a state of serious disrepair following years of neglect and the time has come for the history to be conserved.

The building is set to become a thriving community hub and a wonderful asset to Bury St Edmunds. A heritage centre and café will be the main pull of the location, providing visitors with a rich educational tapestry in a unique environment.

The venue will also boast top class meeting and function facilities, which will be made available for local businesses and groups to use.

Five new flats will be included in the build for people in need of permanent housing. These will be part of the final step of our three tier support system to independent living.

It is also to house St Matthew Housing's central office, employing up to 30 staff. Chosen for its central locality, it is situated in the heart of the Eastern Region to serve all six counties in which St Matthew Housing operates.

In addition it is hoped the project will be added to Bury St Edmunds Town Heritage Trail and become a flagship for this unique organisation.

Vibrant Cafe

Heritage Centre

Meeting and Function facilities

Accommodation

Preserving history

Securing futures



The Malthouse, Elsey's Yard.

WHO ARE SMH?

St Matthew Housing is a not for profit organisation which supports people in need, helping the homeless and unsuitably housed to achieve independence - whatever that may mean to them.

We offer three types of accommodation - *houses, group homes* and *move on flats*. When people are referred to us they usually begin by living in one of our houses. Each house has a team of support workers who are responsible for the day to day running of the house. The meal is a focal point of the day and all those living in the house sit together to eat and discuss the day's activities.

Group homes are another step towards independent living. The group home residents are responsible for their own food - it is common to see six or eight separate fridges in a group home kitchen.

Our Move-On Flats complete the chain and provide a much greater degree of independence. Each flat is self-contained and provides the final stepping-stone in the move back to independent living. Where possible we try to locate our flats near to existing houses or group homes so that there is support.

The Malthouse Project will be the pinnacle of our work. Five residents will live adjacent to the central office and the scheme will be a source of education and training with an on-site cafe where our residents will train and work. It is hoped our cafe and Heritage Centre will enrich the local area and provide much needed facilities for nearby residents in beautiful surroundings.



The Malthouse requires urgent conservation work

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

We have appointed Cocksedge Builders as our main contractor. Their immediate priority will be to ensure protective scaffolding is put up as soon as possible to protect the building against harsh winter weather. Construction will start in the spring. The builder's compound will be in the main car park and not in Elsey's Yard. This will ensure that local residents retain easy access. Cocksedge will be in touch shortly with further details. The revised planning application will be considered on 1st December 2005.



An artists impression of the development plans

HAVE YOUR SAY

St Matthew Housing will inform residents of developments in regular SMH newsletters. We welcome all suggestions and are happy to receive comments at the following address:

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Western Way
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HOW TO GET INVOLVED

St Matthew Housing have appointed a Heritage Project Manager, Allan Scott-Davies, who will meet with residents to discuss the site development. Allan can be contacted at our Bury office on the above address.



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