

The Trusts were delighted to learn that the “before” and “after” photographs of the Weavers’ Cottages were the most-read social media message issued by Heritage Lottery Fund West Midlands in 2017!

5,774 people saw it and, of those, 204 clicked the image to see it closer up; there were 55 “likes” and 28 retweets; and 22 read the link - quite an achievement!



Weavers’ Cottages before and after



In addition the project was shortlisted for TWO AWARDS - the 2017 Heritage Angel Awards organised through Historic England and in the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors West Midlands

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Awards in the 2 categories of Conservation and Community Benefit. Although the project did not win an award it is an achievement to be nominated and raises the profile and reputation of the Trust for the quality of the work being undertaken.

We were also very honoured to see that The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings has published Weavers’ Cottages as an example of good practice in an information sheet about the rescue of historic buildings.

EVENTS

SPRINGFIELD BREWERY, WOLVERHAMPTON

The Grade II Listed Springfield Brewery is being rescued from dereliction in an extensive renovation programme by the University of Wolverhampton. Conservation Architect and Trustee, Mark Balkham, has arranged an exclusive “hard hat” visit for Trust members to see the progress of this work at 10.30 am on Monday 10th December 2018. If you would like to take advantage of this unique opportunity, then please send your contact details to Mark at mark.balkham@rmpuk.com as soon as possible.

BIRMINGHAM COUNCIL HOUSE

Mark has also arranged another exclusive visit for Trust members to

the City of Birmingham Council House in Victoria Square, Birmingham on Friday 18th January 2019 to view this extensive renovation and conservation of the late Victorian seat of government of England’s second city. This will also be a ‘hard hat’ visit and we are grateful to the contractors for making space for us amidst the ongoing work. Further details will be available in due course but if you are interested in joining this visit please email Mark (details as above) as soon as possible.