

FOR SALE





Hartlebury trust group launched – March 2009

The aim is to buy and manage the castle and preserve it for public use

“Whatever the declared intentions or promises of any commercial or private buyer, it is only a charitable trust that presents the chance of guaranteeing public access in perpetuity. – HCPT Spokesman

Concerts kick off campaign to save Hartlebury Castle

“If there were 250,000 people giving us £2 each would raise half a million. Just as importantly each of these concerts has attracted different people to the castle.

The community fundraising achieves c£5,000 but..

The trust has support from a substantial number of influential individuals and organisations, including English Heritage and the Georgian Group.



Church Commissioners give HCPT 2 years to buy the castle – November 2009

Community Fundraising continues....Time is running out!

“Coffee mornings aren’t going to work!”

New chairman for revamped Hartlebury Castle trust – Dec 2010

Bishop supports plan to preserve castle for public - Dec 2010

Portillo visits castle to film TV documentary – August 2011

The Trust decides to make a bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund

2011 – Worcester Evening News

Campaigners in Worcestershire have failed to secure £478,000 of funding to save Hartlebury Castle.

The Hartlebury Castle Preservation Trust (HCPT) applied to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for support to prevent the building being sold.



Campaigners were given a deadline of April 2012 to raise £2.2m to buy the property from the Church Commissioners or it would be put on the open market.

HLF said the decision not to award the grant was due to a high level of competition for the funds available and a concern about the asking price.

Anne Jenkins is head of the HLF West Midlands: "We recognise the huge heritage importance of Hartlebury Castle and the Hurd Library and the significant role it has played in Worcestershire's history.

"However we simply could not support every [application] we looked at on the day."

Regroup – Re-think

Focus on major donors

Agree new terms with Church Commissioners

Commercial business case

October 2012 Submit New Round 1 bid to Heritage Lottery Fund



THE Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) awarded £413,700 in development funding to HCPT – Jan 2013

Major focus on Trusts & Foundation Fundraising 2013 – 2014/5

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