

WAREHAM TOWN POUND



Wareham Town Pound is part of Wareham's rich history and dates back to Medieval Times. It was built to hold stray or impounded farm animals. The owner of the animal had to pay a fine to release it from the pound. It is a small, walled enclosure with a gate situated at the end of Pound Lane as it joins West Street near the foot of the town walls. Many Wareham residents and visitors pass by it without realising its age, purpose or importance to Wareham's history. It is a Grade II listed building.

PROJECT UPDATE

Wareham District Development Trust have agreed with the Rempstone Estate to rejuvenate the Town Pound by installing artworks to be produced by nine Year 10 students from The Purbeck School. It is hoped that the artwork will help people notice this site and make it into an interesting 'attraction' on the Wareham Walls Walk.

Wareham based illustrator/graphic designer Maria Burns has been brought in to work with the Year 10 Purbeck School students along side their art teacher Fleur Bugg. Maria is an experienced illustrator/designer who has worked on many other projects for Wareham and Poole over the years including producing the interpretation boards at Priory Meadow.

Maria met the students in January and, together with Fleur, introduced the live project to the students. A "brain storming" session followed and the students were asked to think of ideas for the artwork and also think of the materials that could be used. The finished product has to be durable enough to withstand all weather conditions. They also looked at other artists work to gain some inspiration. It was agreed that students would work on some ideas and visit the Town Pound as part of their homework. Maria will meet with them again after half term to see how the project is progressing and to offer help and advice.

