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MUSEUM & MARITIME ARCHAEOLOGY CENTRE YARMOUTH



THE VISION

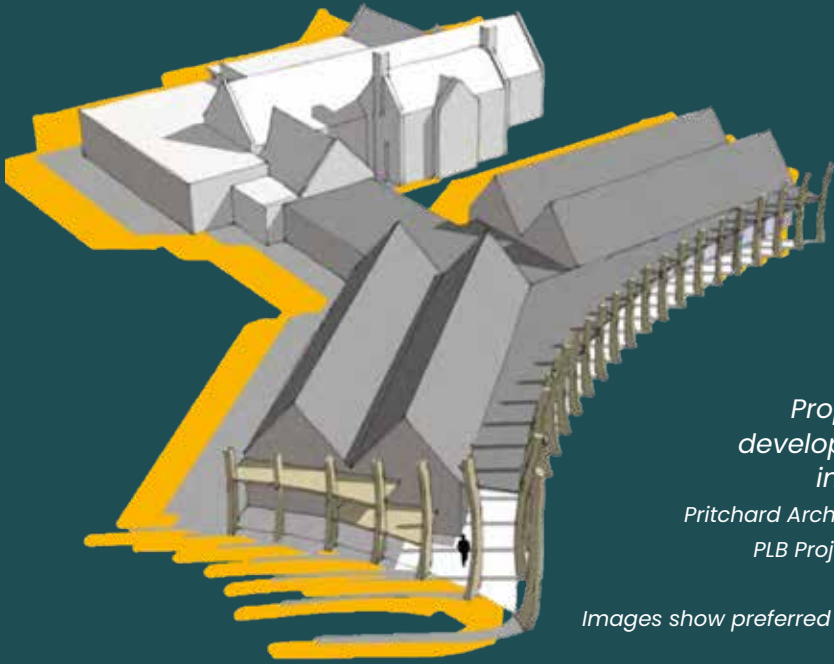
The Maritime Archaeology Trust is embarking on an exciting project to develop an inspirational new museum and internationally significant centre for maritime archaeology at the former Yarmouth Primary School on the Isle of Wight.

- A world-class venue for maritime archaeology, research, curation and learning
- A destination heritage attraction for enjoyment, placemaking, learning and sharing
- The only dedicated centre of its kind in the UK

Adjacent to the Yarmouth Conservation Area and within a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, this ambitious project aims to transform the former Yarmouth Primary School by:

- Repurposing and refurbishing the much-valued Victorian school building, while
- Creating a sympathetic, visually captivating extension to reflect the site's new identity

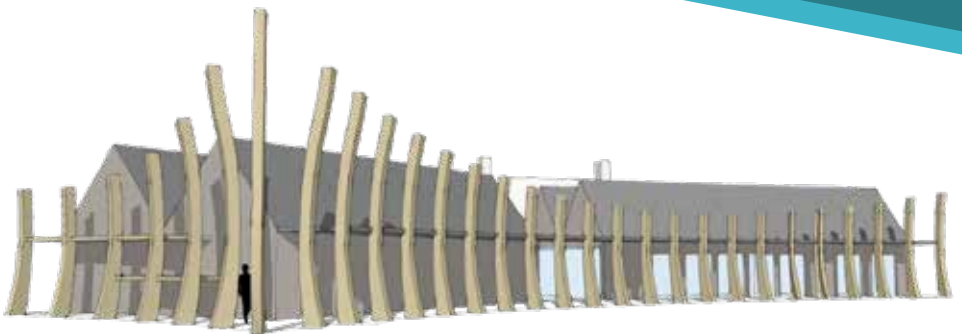
The new centre, neighbouring the Community Hall of Yarmouth and District (CHOYD) and the Yarmouth Scout and Guide Headquarters, will complement the existing active and vibrant community that thrives there. It will constitute a new chapter for a much-loved historic building and broaden Yarmouth and the Isle of Wight's cultural and visitor offer, while providing future opportunities in an education and UNESCO accredited fieldwork hub.



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Images show preferred options



THE NEED

The new centre will secure the future of unique, historic maritime collections and make them publicly accessible, in Yarmouth, by:

- Providing much-needed space and facilities for the current Shipwreck Centre & Maritime Museum collections, together with MAT archives and other local and diver assemblages.
- Creating a world-class attraction for the enjoyment of local people and their guests.
- Inspiring future generations with rich curricular experiences and inspirational career pathways.
- Attracting additional visitors to Yarmouth and the Island, to enjoy all they have to offer.



The new centre will increase understanding of the global histories of maritime connections between the Island, Britain and the world and our evolving relationship with the marine environment.

Through object rich displays, cutting-edge immersive interpretation and participatory experiences, visitors will encounter the excitement of discovery and the human stories embedded within the collection.

Archaeology will tell stories of people in the ancient past, including local evidence of Stone Age settlements in a landscape preserved following sea-level rise that created the Isle of Wight.

Through shipwreck artefacts from the ages of sail and steam, we will delve into fascinating stories of trade, exploration, warfare, seafaring, piracy, smuggling, wreck and rescue. Deepening understanding of the past, while inspiring future generations.



THE OFFER

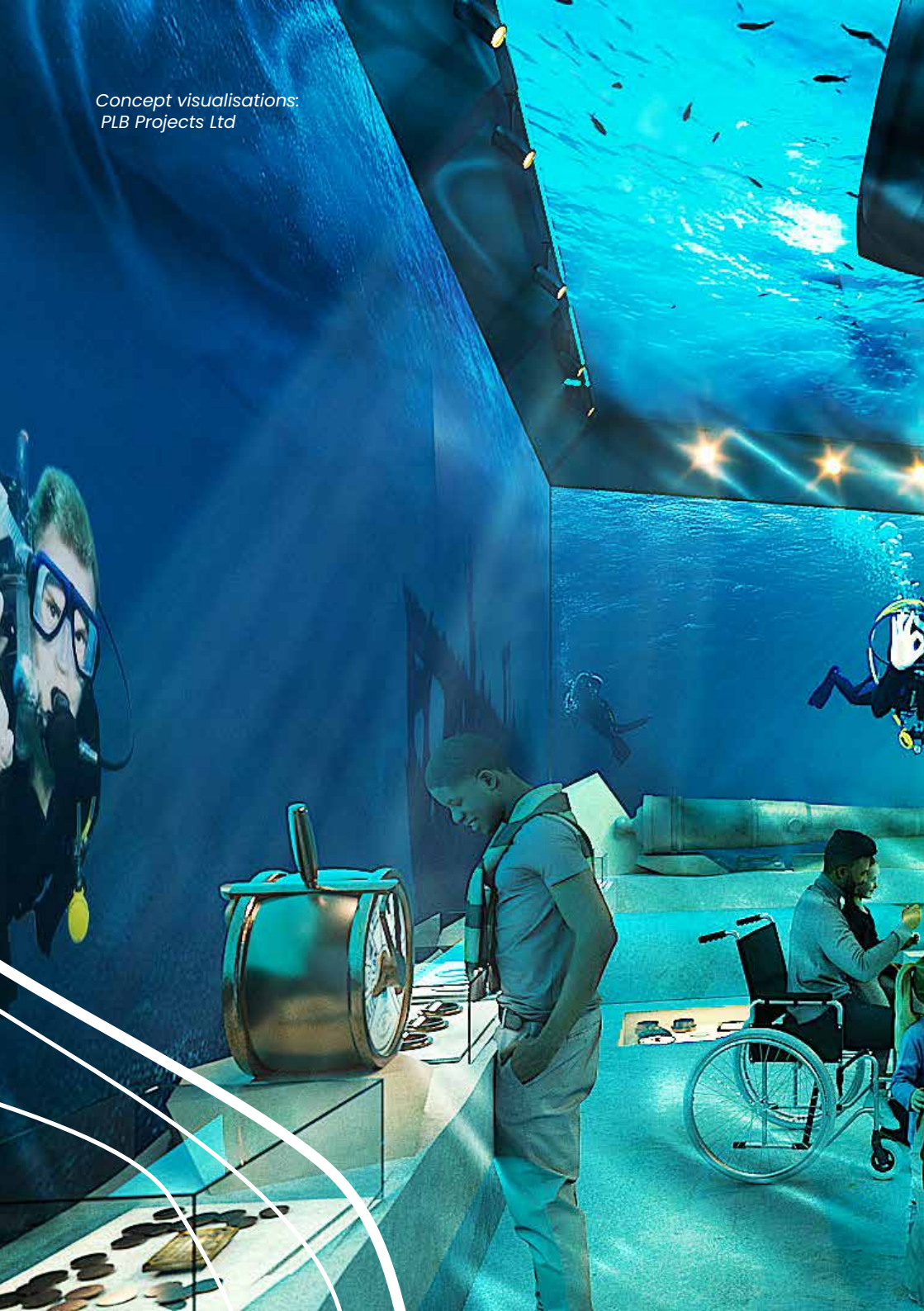
- A stunning repurposed building
- Heritage Centre / Museum
- UNESCO accredited Centre of Excellence
- Inspiring, modern education facilities
- Archive storage & collections care
- Library & research centre
- Conservation facilities / workshop
- Temporary Exhibition Spaces
- Events Space
- Workshops and fieldwork centre providing a base for underwater projects

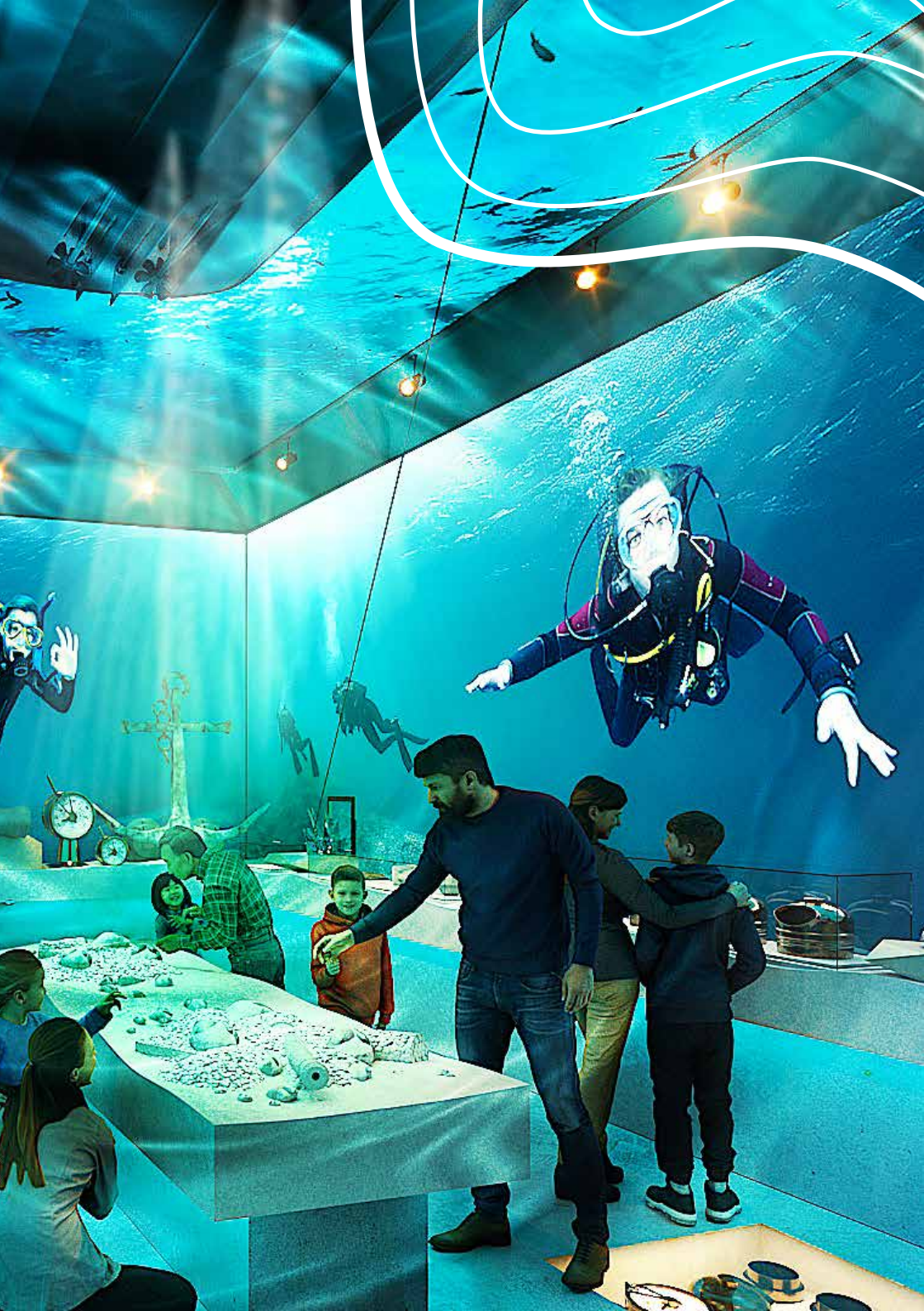




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THE HERE & NOW

As we work towards this exciting vision, we are delighted to open up parts of the site, to engage with the local community, Island visitors and future potential partners, provide a taste of what's to come and demonstrate the potential of the location and facilities.

This interim phase includes temporary exhibitions on shipwrecks, rescue, smuggling, ancient submerged landscapes, discovery, the history of maritime archaeology and how the sea inspires. Plus maritime books and souvenirs to browse and buy!



Meanwhile, the Shipwreck Centre & Maritime Museum at Arreton Barns, remains open from Easter until the end of October. Please head on over to discover more!

MAT are extremely grateful to our dearly missed former Patron Valerie Fenwick, the Yarmouth Community Foundation, the Herapath Shenton Trust, Martin Woodward, John Caulcutt and Chris Andreae.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to the dedicated team of volunteers that has been working tirelessly to transform the former school site for public access while the future development progresses.

If you would like to join this team, please contact: izzy.turtle@maritimearchaeologytrust.org



Scan the QR code to plan your visit to the Shipwreck Centre



THE REQUEST

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Do you share our vision?

Would you like to be part of it?

Donate today to help create a vibrant, accessible hub that builds on the community pride of Yarmouth and the Isle of Wight, preserves and provides access to our vital underwater heritage and transforms a much-loved former school into a world-class destination attraction. If you would like to be part of this great venture, please get in touch:

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Or, follow the QR code for more ways to donate.

Charity number: 900025.



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