

# **Presentation to Cabinet of Braintree District Museum Trust's Business Plan 2019 – 2024**

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# Museum Trust Vision

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*To preserve, promote and interpret the history of Braintree District  
and re-establish the Warner Textile Archive as an international  
design and manufacturing resource.*

**Braintree Museum**



**Warner Textile Archive**



# The Journey So Far

- The creation of a commercial trading company, Warner Textile Archive Trading Limited
  - Fabric sold by Claremont Furnishing Fabrics Ltd in London, Los Angeles and New York.
- In 2018 completion of the 5 year transfer from the Council to a completely independent Museum Trust:
  - Continued care of the Council's Museum Collection including archaeology, art, local history and textiles on behalf of the residents of Braintree District
  - All staff employed by the Trust
  - 17% reduction in the Council grant during the first four year rolling programme, 2018-2022.
  - New ICT systems in the Archive and Museum
  - Replacement Museum heating system
- Recruitment of new independent Trustees to the Board of the charitable company.
- New partnerships including Courtauld Institute of Art, London & SHARE Museums East

## Services in partnership

- 5,515 schoolchildren participated in our education programme, a 45% increase on the previous year.
- Over 800 people visited the launch event of *Age of the Dinosaurs* exhibition at Braintree Museum.
- Joint summer trail creating synergy between Braintree Village and Braintree Town organised by the Museum.
- Over 500 visitors to the Braintree Textile Fair 2019.
- Over 2,000 local schoolchildren participated in the Braintree Big Stitch 2019 education outreach project.
- 50 Archive & Museum volunteers and 382 Friends of Braintree District Museum.
- £134,321 in external funding raised in 2018-2019.

# Future Priorities 2019 - 2024

- Maintain Arts Council England Accreditation
- Deliver an exciting education, events and exhibitions programme for local community benefit
- Develop the commercial trading company
- Produce a digital catalogue of Braintree Museum and Warner Textile Archive collections.
- Redevelop Braintree Museum to provide new cultural facilities in the heart of the town for public benefit, in partnership with the Council.





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SCIENCE +  
CREATIVITY



# BRAINTREE MUSEUM

1 February - 31 May

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WARNER TEXTILE  
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