

Casterton Community Museum



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LOTTERY FUND GRANTS

Fourteen million pounds have been earmarked to assist in regenerating towns across the United Kingdom. Stockton in north east England is to receive £1.8 million to reinstate historic features of existing buildings in the town, bring unoccupied buildings back into use and provide volunteers with opportunities to learn traditional building skills and take up work placements.

(Source: *The Journal* (Durham) 17 May 2010 p.18)

ENGLISH HERITAGE RECORDS NOW ONLINE

Records relating to historic buildings and archaeological sites are now online at www.englishheritagearchives.org.uk.

Images, plans, drawings, reports, publications covering archaeology, social and local history have been made available in digital form. Over a million records are available. (The Australian Government's Department of Environment, Heritage, Water and The Arts Register of the National Estate contains the heritage assessments of Australian sites but not the supporting documents.)

(Source: *The Journal* (Durham) 18 May 2010 p.9)

BRITISH LIBRARY'S NEWSPAPER ARCHIVE BEING DIGITISED

Online publisher Brightsolid is to digitise 40 million pages of the British Library's newspaper archive spanning 300 years. It is to be a 10 year project and the pages will be fully searchable. The library holds 52,000 local, regional and international newspaper titles. Four million pages will be digitised in the first two years. Negotiations are still underway with rights holders for post 1900 newspapers. James Murdoch, Head of Newscorp in Europe and Asia, criticised the move stating that it would 'harm the market'. His statement came a few days ahead of his company's introduction of charges for access to websites of *The Times* and *The Sunday Times*.

(Source: *Independent* (London) 19 May 2010 p.7 and 21 May 2010 p.25)

Details on how to join the Group are available at the FAHS website at: <http://www.history.org.au>. Follow the "Support" and "Support Group" links from the home page.

(Source: FAHS Council)