



# SOMERSET BUILDING *Preservation Trust*

## ‘SAVING No 9’

### A New Beginning - Discovery



No 9 Fore Street, Chard, with a common entrance (left). Photo © P J Stow

ABOVE: The white shop front currently 'The Hub - A Community Service Company'. No 9 is a Listed Grade 1 Elizabethan town house with first floor Courtroom containing a heavily decorated plaster ceiling all set behind this 'L' shaped three storey building.

#### HOW YOU CAN HELP:

The **Somerset Building Preservation Trust** is a charitable organisation that repairs and restores buildings of historical interest which would otherwise be lost and brings them back into beneficial use within communities.

The Trust promotes higher standards of architectural design through its **William Stansell Historic Building Awards** and encourages the use of apprenticeships to teach traditional skills in conservation.

To learn more about the Trust and its work and how you can become involved with helping to save this most important building visit <https://www.sbpt.info/> and refer to the Somerset Building Preservation Trust YouTube Channel to see Episodes of "Saving No 9".

### DONATION FORM

#### PAYMENT METHOD:

BACS preferred or see website for alternative payment details.

**BARCLAYS Plc** Sort **20-99-40** Account **60544566** Ref **No 9**

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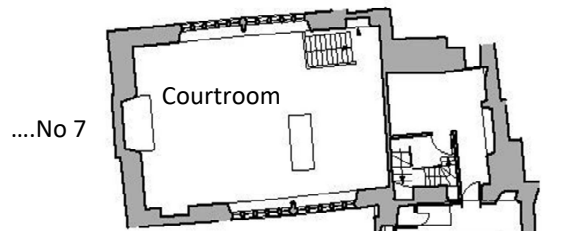
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#### GIFT AID DECLARATION

I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for the current tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the Charities and Community Amateur Sports Clubs that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for the current tax year. I understand that other fees such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the Charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I have given. **THANK YOU.**

SIGNED: ..... DATED: .....



FIRST FLOOR PLAN



Photo © P J Stow



No 9 Fore Street

No 11...



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#### GROUND FLOOR PLAN

Plans courtesy Levitate Architects



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SOMERSET BUILDING PRESERVATION TRUST

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## OUR AIM:

... is to Conserve No 9 Fore Street and Connect the wider Community with Centuries of History in the Centre of Chard.

## OUR MISSION:

... is to engage with the diverse population of Somerset, tailor the repairs and alterations to this historically important building to suit a communal purpose for the widest benefit and ensure the best quality workmanship to secure the building for future centuries.

## THE STORY SO FAR:

In May 2023 Somerset Council acquired the freehold of No 9 with funding from Historic England simultaneously Somerset Building Preservation Trust purchased the new Lease from the Council.

The Architectural Heritage Fund is grant aiding the writing of the Viability Report. Advice and media guidance is provided by the South West Heritage Trust.

The SBPT has renegotiated the sub Lease with the existing tenants of the shop front, The Hub, which is a support group for the extensive Chard community.

Background research in progress.



## SURVEYS UNDERTAKEN TO OCTOBER 2023:

Photographic record taken at time of Lease acquisition.

Electrical, Fire & Safety Audit checks made.

Historical records, Planning History with commentary completed and previous measured survey outline drawings.

Asbestos Survey completed and removal grant approved.

Laser Scan Survey, grant funding approved survey pending.

Aerial drone survey completed, results available.

Architects appointed for study of Building Layout Options.

Contacts made with Museum and many local interest groups and decorative internal plasterwork photographed.

AHF Feasibility Study being written.

Local Film Company has released - Episodes 1 & 2 of Saving No 9 on the SBPT YouTube channel.



ABOVE: Part of the decorative panel in the Courtroom.



RIGHT: Ground floor fine timber door with ink decoration.



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