



Future Plans for the Rest House

One of the most iconic buildings in Bournville is undoubtedly the Rest House. Built in 1914, and paid for by Cadbury employees from across the world, it was presented to George and Elizabeth Cadbury to mark their silver wedding anniversary.

Since it was built, the Rest House has been preserved and cared for by Bournville Village Trust. For the last 28 years the building has been used by the Friends of Bournville Carillon as a visitor centre and gift shop. Now the Friends of Bournville Carillon have decided to dissolve the charity, the building will return to BVT and this leaflet tells you about current and future plans for the building.

Who will look after the Rest House?

The building will be managed by BVT's Heritage Team who already look after Selly Manor Museum. The Heritage Team will be working to ensure the long-term preservation of the Rest House and its community use.

Throughout this year the team will engage with local people to identify what stories it should tell, and what services it should offer. The Rest House will become a central hub to share Bournville's rich heritage.

The Carillon

The Carillon is another important part of Bournville's heritage. The bells which sit upon the school tower were first installed in 1906. George Cadbury was inspired to build the Carillon following a visit to Bruges.

We will be working with Carillonneur Trevor Workman, and existing volunteers, to ensure the Carillon continues to be played, tours take place, and that it remains a part of Bournville events and celebrations.

Left: a painting of the Rest House by PB Redmayne.

Right: George Cadbury's Memorial Service, 1922



Get involved...

During this year the BVT Heritage Team will be planning for the future. We want to hear from you about what heritage you would like to see represented at the Rest House, and what sort of services we might offer. Join us for a series of events, and share your stories on the future of the Rest House.

Rest House Open Day Sunday 20th July, 11am - 4pm

Come along to the Rest House to see the stunning building and meet the BVT Heritage Team.

The Museum of Us 19th August - 13th September

As part of our celebrations to mark the 125th anniversary of Bournville Village Trust, visit the Rest House for our special exhibition which tells the stories of the people of Bournville.

Bournville Heritage Open Day 13th September, 10am - 4pm

Celebrate George Cadbury's garden village as buildings and venues (including the Rest House) open their doors for free across Bournville in our annual event.

Heritage Volunteers

We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers who are passionate about Bournville's heritage. Would you like to help with events, tours or stewarding at the Rest House? Express an interest in being involved by contacting our friendly Heritage Team.

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George & Elizabeth Cadbury at the opening of the Rest House in 1914

Find Out More...

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