

## **“A Town on the Move” Exhibition 10/07/2019 - Report**

### **Objective**

The purpose of this event was to give people in Raunds an opportunity to engage with and understand the vision for the sculpture “A Town On The Move”.

### **Resourcing**

We printed banners specifically for this event which outlined the designs and the approach which was taken to arrive at this design.

### **Activities**

Artists Stephen Broadbent & Peter Davidson met with pupils from Manor School Sports College to talk about the design and the story behind it. The young people had many ideas about how the sculpture could play a role in encouraging people into Raunds and become embedded in the community’s sense of pride in the town.

During the two sessions in Saxon Hall (12-2pm and 4:30pm-7pm), the artists were present to engage in conversation with visitors about the concept and plans. Understanding the methodology by which the design concept was decided was of equal importance to exhibiting the drawings. They also asked visitors to engage with ideas about what the inscriptions on the base should be and have kept in touch with some local residents who could advise about particular resources.

### **Feedback**

The attached feedback forms were filled out by the young people who participated in the schools workshop (on plain paper), and visitors to the Saxon Hall exhibition (on questionnaire). We are particularly pleased that many responses understand our desire to tell the story of the town’s past whilst also looking forward to its future.

The staff of Manor School Sports College were enthusiastic about the sculpture’s ability to connect young people with local history. Principal Jay Davenport was keen to maintain a relationship with the project and we hope to be able to have further collaboration on this.