



## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 2024

### Work begins on our new Learning and Production Centre

#### February-April

Specialist contractors, Classic Builders began work on half of our site in a major building project which will see the Pottery transformed with a new Learning and Production Centre, revamped Museum, Shop, Gallery and Cafe.

Building began in February with a temporary kiln shed to allow our potters to continue working and training onsite. It will be removed in Autumn 2025.

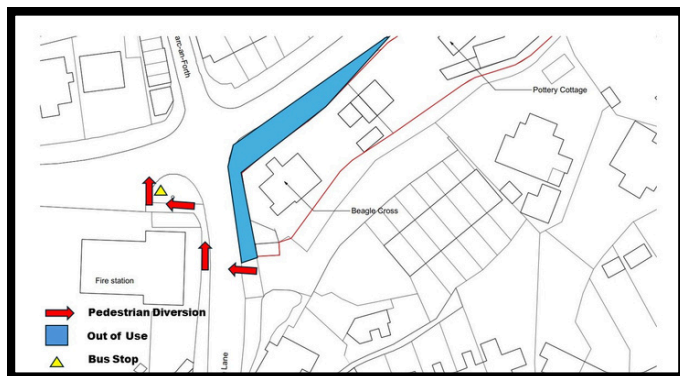
An ecologist carried out a tree survey and confirmed there were no nesting birds before we remove two trees. New trees will be planted locally to replace them. Four trees are being relocated offsite with the apple and fig trees going to St Ives Community Orchard. One tree was diseased and the wood will be recycled.

#### May-July

In May Classic Builders will begin removing Beagle Cross, before foundations are laid for our new building which will house the new Learning and Production Centre.

Beagle Cross was built in the 1950s and was in private ownership until it was reunited with the Pottery in 2014. The building is a former domestic dwelling and is poorly constructed and unsuitable for teaching and community workshops. It will be replaced with a low carbon bespoke building with disabled access.

There will be some disruption as construction vehicles come and go from the site during this time (during core working hours 8am-4pm), which Classic Builders aim to keep to a minimum.



#### May-August

Our contractors will be taking over the footpath and grass verge around Beagle Cross and diverting pedestrians to cross the road by the fire station. The bus stop currently outside Beagle Cross will also be moved temporarily. See the plan opposite for more detail.

**We are open! You can visit our museum and shop as normal**  
**Free entry for local people and families**

## Why is the work being carried out?

To become a community hub and provide more training we need to have the right facilities. We have been working in a fairly inaccessible, damp and inefficient space in Beagle Cross with no accessible toilets, and not enough room to host a group of more than 15 participants. The new building will allow us to welcome more of the community to the site.



Image: Dow Jones Architects

Above:: How the new Pottery will look following the two-year development

## 2024: summary of work onsite

- April-May: Build temporary kiln shed
- May: Taking down of Beagle Cross building and 2009 kiln shed
- June: Prepare Beagle Cross site ready for new building
- June-July: Begin laying foundations for new Learning and Production centre

## What will the transformation mean?

- A new Learning and Production Centre to provide more classes and workshops and increase pottery production
- A new reception and cafe building
- Refurbish and extend the existing museum to include an introductory gallery, hands-on exhibits and a trail
- Revamp the existing shop in the listed Pottery Cottage
- Create a temporary gallery for shows of contemporary pottery for sale
- Convert the 2008 Cube gallery into an archive study centre and library
- Improved facilities for visiting artists

## Want to know more?

You can find details of the capital project including videos and live updates on our website at [leachpottery.com/leach-pottery-proposed-development](https://leachpottery.com/leach-pottery-proposed-development) or scan the QR code.



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