



## COURT BARN MUSEUM PRESS RELEASE:

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### Appointment of a new Curator for Court Barn Museum

Peter Taylor, Chairman of The Guild of Handicraft Trust, is pleased to announce the appointment of Sarah McCormick Healy as the new Curator of Court Barn Museum. Sarah started in her new post on 14 April 2009, taking over from Frank Johnson, Honorary Curator, who has overseen the development and successful launch of Court Barn Museum

Sarah McCormick Healy has recently worked at Avoncroft Museum of Historic Buildings, Bromsgrove and the National Waterways Museum, Gloucester where she worked on the refurbishment of the Museum. Prior to that she worked at the National Maritime Museum in London for over 17 years, initially working with the internationally renowned collections before setting up and delivering a series of successful touring and in house exhibitions. Sarah was recently appointed as Vice-Chair of the Touring Exhibitions Group. She brings to Court Barn Museum considerable experience and enthusiasm for developing the Museum for the next phase.

Peter Taylor comments, 'Court Barn Museum celebrates the work of the artists, architects and craftspeople working in the North Cotswolds since 1900 and has, since it opened in July 2007, run a successful programme of events and exhibitions. We believe that there is real potential to develop these and for the Museum to generate awareness of the good quality craft and design work that continues in the region today. Sarah's experience, abilities and vision will meld extremely well with our aspirations and I very much look forward to her working with us all in the coming years as the museum moves forward.'

Sarah says she looks forward to working with the skilled and enthusiastic staff and volunteers at the Museum 'I have been really impressed by what Court Barn Museum has achieved since it opened and I am very excited to be joining the team. The next few years are important ones for the Museum, creating more learning opportunities for more people, improving public access to our collections, and working closely with the local community”

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## **Contacts**

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## **Notes to editors:**

### **1. How to find us**

Court Barn Museum is by St James's church in Church Street, Chipping Campden,  
Gloucestershire, GL55 6JE

### **2. Admission charges**

Adults £3.75; Concessions (students, senior citizens) £3.00; Children under 16 are free; Children under 12 should be accompanied by an adult.

### **3. Opening times**

April - September: Tuesday - Saturday 10.30 - 5.30, Sunday 11.30 - 5.30

October - March: Tuesday - Saturday 11.00 - 4.00 Sunday 11.30 - 4.00

Closed Mondays (except Bank Holidays) and Closed 24 Dec - 1 Jan inclusive

### **4. About Court Barn Museum**

Court Barn Museum, which opened to the public in July 2007, is an independent museum and the brainchild of a group of local enthusiasts called the Guild of Handicraft Trust. The museum was created through the generous support of the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Guild of Handicraft Trust raised the £1.3 million needed to create the museum.

This groundbreaking new museum is situated in the beautiful old town of Chipping Campden and tells the story of how a small town, in a beautiful setting, became a gathering place for creative people from the Arts and Crafts movement onwards. The museum has been created to celebrate these talented designers, craftspeople, artists and architects, such as C.R.Ashbee and Gordon Russell, who have worked in Chipping Campden and the north Cotswolds since about 1900.