

Once Upon A (very accurate) Time...



...there was a village in a wood

The word 'Barrow' usually means 'the wood or grove'. Timeline of the village's history, from its original pre-development woodland, through its development as a Saxon settlement, site of a Norman castle, its monastic connection with Thornton Abbey - and its Victorian industries...



...there was a market cross

The history of the use of the market place itself, and the stock stones

These are ideas for stories that could be told in the finished scheme.

Barrow-upon-Humber has a rich history, with interesting stories to tell about the place, and its people. We can tell as many / few stories, in as much / little detail, as we choose.

Use of these narratives will both influence, and depend to some extent on, the shapes and forms of the basic layout.

The 'Graphic Design Themes' and 'Features' sheets show some of the ways in which these tales could be communicated - through images, signposts, carving, spatial arrangement, or literally using the written word on boards or leaflets.

The stories themselves, and the ways in which these are presented can often overlap, and be combined in many ways. One does not exclude another. Inclusion will, partly, be determined by budget.

Please share your thoughts on these features, and/or give additional suggestions.

...there was an invention that changed history

The successes and frustrations of Harrison's sea clocks, the trials at sea, the accuracy needed and calculations involved to determine longitude using the clocks, and the workings of the clockwork itself.



...there was a navigation problem

The fact that the tercentenary of the Longitude Act is 2014. The reasons for the Act, the tragic and unnecessary deaths due to poor navigation. The principles behind calculating longitude, and other ways in which people tried to solve the problem.

...there was a clockmaker

John Harrison's personal timeline, including his move to Barrow, his and James' involvement in the community here, his skill in clockmaking, his interest in the longitude problem, and his further life in London, finishing the problem he began solving in Barrow.



Description of the events that sparked Better Barrow's formation and the square's redesign, the people of the village today.