

# Save Kelmscott Village

Heritage Lottery Funding awarded to restore the Manor imposes the following conditions:

- Manor visitor numbers must double from 20,000 to 40,000 per year
- Open days are to increase from 91 days to 199 days per year
- School and community visits will extend the season from January to November
- A grazing field at the entrance to the village will be converted into a permanent coach and car park
- All 40,000 Manor visitors will be directed to drive down a single track two directional access road into the village to reach the car park
- All 40,000 visitors must walk to the Manor on the lane through the village centre with pavement on only a small part of the route or await a shuttle bus

The village fully supports responsible tourism and sympathetic conservation of William Morris' legacy but the additional expansion mandated by the HLF will badly impact the village, access lanes, and environs both aesthetically and practically, in terms of the day-to-day life of residents, businesses and other visitors to the village.

The William Morris heritage in our village is put at risk by coach parks and streams of cars, and once that heritage is gone, it's lost for all future generations.

Please support us in asking for the expansion plans to be reconsidered. Email HLF at [enquire@hlf.org.uk](mailto:enquire@hlf.org.uk) or Society of Antiquaries of London at [admin@sal.org.uk](mailto:admin@sal.org.uk) . Kelmscott village website [www.kelmscott.org.uk](http://www.kelmscott.org.uk) gives more information.

**“We are only the trustees for those who come after us.” — William Morris**