



MECHANICS'
INSTITUTION
TRUST

Our Mission

We believe that heritage can create unique, enjoyable places for people.

We believe passionately in Swindon; its history, heritage and culture; its future opportunity and most importantly its people.

We want to recapture the pioneering spirit and character that created “New Swindon” to inspire our town today.





Edward Snell's watercolour of New Swindon (1849)

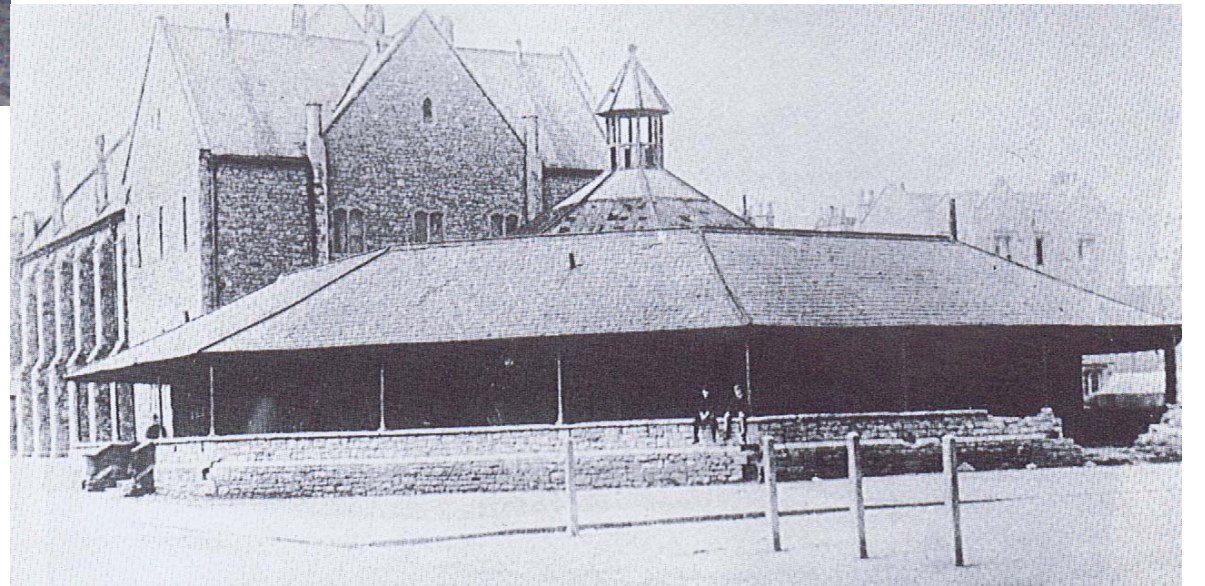
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Where did it all start?



Keeping busy!



Community Development Projects



- Coffee mornings and lunch clubs
- Gardening and growing projects
- Village Planters
- Youth Club
- Toddler Group
- Craft Group
- Community cinema
- Community allotment
- Residents Association - Central Area
- Residents' Improvement Group
- Partnerships with Swindon City of Sanctuary and Incredible Edible Swindon
- Penny Readings



Some of our projects



Community Crossroads

Community and cultural building. A test-run.



GWR Park

Large green space. Community development, gardening, community events.



Central Community Centre

Community facility.

Some of our projects



Bakers Arms

Community café and residential.



Children's Fete

Re-establishing historic event. Mass engagement.



Railway Village Museum

Visitor attraction, community history.

Challenges?

Opportunities?

So where next?

