

Plan to transform historic building into 'escape room'

A GRADE two listed building in the heart of Carmarthen could soon be transformed into an escape room.

The historic building, which has been on the corner of St Mary's Street and Quay Street since the 1700s, could be home to a live puzzle-based experience for visitors.

In 1882 it was occupied by the undersheriff of Carmarthen, which suggests that the building had involvement with the law courts, but in more recent years it has been used as a shop as well as an office.

If the plans are given the green light, the exterior of the building would remain unaltered apart from any repairs and decoration needed, while all existing interior features would also remain intact.

The heritage impact statement explains: "The proposals do not directly affect the historic features but it is recommended that all reasonable steps are taken to protect these features during the works, and that the new work should complement these features as far as is practi-

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cable. The majority of the new work will consist of temporary fixtures and therefore will have minimal impact on the historic fabric of the building.

"It can be deemed that the proposals will have a neutral impact on the heritage values."

There is already an escape room in Carmarthen's Priory Street, and another one in Llanelli's

Stepney Street, both of which opened last year.

The escape room experience involves a group of friends solving puzzles in order to figure out solutions which will secure their 'escape' from a room.