



Your Visionary Home

With your support this beautiful building will become a hive of invention: a centre that celebrates Blake, and welcomes visitors, poets, artists and universities to continue his legacy, creating new work in the spirit of his irrepressible imagination.

To build Jerusalem in England's green and pleasant land, requires your help. We are seeking benefactors to offer initial seed funding or match funding or help underwrite the crowdfunding campaign.

After the purchase, renovation and opening of the Cottage, our five year plan is to join the Cottage by the sea to the House in London.

We are also seeking individuals and organisations to join us and contribute their imagination to the creative life of the Cottage.

This campaign is being led by the Blake Society that was founded in 1985 and is a registered charity. Our President is Philip Pullman.

If you would like to attend the official launch of the campaign in the Houses of Parliament at 12 on Monday 7 July, please contact:

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The Cottage of



William Blake



Help bestow it to the Nation
£520,000 to raise by 31 October 2014

Where shall we take our stand to view the infinite and unbounded?



William Blake



The Vision

Shakespeare, Newton and Blake are the 3 great English geniuses who are known around the globe. Shakespeare has Stratford-upon-Avon, Newton has ... gravity, but Blake has nothing. He is even buried in an unmarked grave.

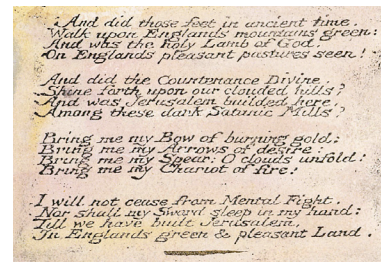
William Blake (1757-1827) came from the dissenting tradition, a movement that questioned the structures of our society and challenged both the limitations imposed by laws and the internal constraints of our 'mind-forg'd manacles'.

Today Blake is known as a visionary poet and painter, and one of the most radical thinkers Britain has ever seen. His works are read, studied and loved all around the world, but other than a handful of museum collections, nowhere celebrates his extraordinary craftsmanship and creativity.

The Cottage

William Blake lived in 9 houses during his lifetime. Of these only two survive, a small Georgian house in London and a cottage on the Sussex coast. It was while living here by the ocean that he wrote the words for the hymn *Jerusalem*.

Blake's Cottage in Sussex is where he discovered 'England's Green and Pleasant Land' yet it was also where he was accused and tried for Sedition.



The Cottage is to be an exemplar of a way to live a life through courage and creativity.

We are inviting support from everyone who is strengthened by the knowledge that somewhere in the world such a place exists; a home for the dissenting imagination.

The Cottage will be a refuge for everyone who asks great questions - the outsiders, the prophets and the visionaries.

People will be able to visit & stay in the Cottage and in turn the Cottage will emanate their creativity back into the world.

The Challenge

We have until the 31 October 2014 to raise the purchase price of £520,000. Under the terms of the legal option, the Cottage can then be purchased and put into a charitable trust to be held in perpetuity for the benefit of the nation.

Blake championed the imagination so we want to raise this money imaginatively. Since *Jerusalem* is sung up and down the country and known by millions, we would like to invite everyone each to give a small amount through crowdfunding, then the Cottage will belong to everyone for the benefit of the nation - and the only nation is the *imagination*.