

Rotunda Trust

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Rotunda Trust is a charitable Building Preservation Trust. Its sole purpose is to repair the Woolwich Rotunda, John Nash's 1814 timber polygon, and return it to open, accessible use. This pack is a short film, a vision, the wider site, recent press coverage, and a set of images available for editorial use.



Watch the film *Rotunda Irrepressible* — 3 min 42 — FennecMedia, March 2026

<https://vimeo.com/1180517747>

Our vision

The Rotunda was built as a place for people to gather. For 181 years it served as one of London's most distinctive public buildings. We want to return it to that role. A commercial operating company would run the venue under a binding lease covenant, paying 10% of revenue or 30% of profit, whichever is greater, to the trust. That money goes to one place: conservation of the building.

Online

Website

rotundatrust.org.uk

The trust, building history, vision, trustees, further reading.

Vision A5 booklet

rotundatrust.org.uk/..._A5_Booklet.pdf

Same content, folded booklet format.

Vision A4 PDF

rotundatrust.org.uk/Rotunda_Trust_Vision_A4.pdf

A vision for the Woolwich Rotunda. V1.0 / March 2026.

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Further reading / rotundatrust.org.uk

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The wider site

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The Rotunda parcel and the GEB partnership

The Rotunda parcel sits within a larger 1.65-acre disposal site that includes a former tractor shed, a small gatehouse, and an ancillary annex. The trust's bid is made in coordination with the **Greenwich Enterprise Board**, a Greenwich-based not-for-profit social enterprise that has restored listed buildings in the Royal Borough for over forty years, including the Eltham Orangery and the Royal Arsenal Gatehouse.

Under the proposal, GEB takes a long lease on the wider site and converts the tractor shed and ancillary buildings to affordable workspace under the working title *Woolwich Studios*. The trust takes the long lease on the Rotunda parcel and a perimeter strip. The two plots work as a single destination, with a shared public realm of paths, seating, and planting that re-establishes the site as part of the wider Woolwich civic offer.

The visualisations below were prepared by GEB's design team. They are reference images, not consented planning proposals.



The Rotunda within a restored public realm. Visualisation courtesy Greenwich Enterprise Board.



Wider site aerial; Woolwich Studios from above; Woolwich Studios entrance; Woolwich Studios courtyard. Visualisations courtesy Greenwich Enterprise Board.

In the press

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Recent coverage of the Rotunda and the bid

Outlets are listed with article date and a direct link. Pull quotes are from the published pieces.

TIME OUT LONDON · Eloise Feilden · 25 April 2026

This iconic abandoned south London building, which was designed by a famous architect, is up for sale

"The 200-year-old Rotunda in Woolwich Common could soon be transformed into a new music and theatre venue."

[timeout.com/london/news/...-up-for-sale-042526](https://www.timeout.com/london/news/...-up-for-sale-042526)

THE GREENWICH WIRE · Darryl Chamberlain · 21 April 2026

Woolwich Rotunda: Trust aims to restore the '200-year-old Millennium Dome'

"The trust wants the Rotunda restored so it can host community and commercial events, as well as live music and theatre, as well as opening it to visitors for the first time in more than a quarter of a century."

[greenwichwire.co.uk/2026/04/21/rotunda-trust-woolwich-restore-john-nash-derelect](https://www.greenwichwire.co.uk/2026/04/21/rotunda-trust-woolwich-restore-john-nash-derelect)

LONDON NOW · 27 April 2026

Grade II* listed Woolwich Rotunda still on sale after years of standing empty

"A newly-formed Rotunda Trust has reportedly expressed interest in buying the site."

[london-now.co.uk/news/26055699.grade-ii-listed-woolwich-rotunda-remains-sale](https://www.london-now.co.uk/news/26055699.grade-ii-listed-woolwich-rotunda-remains-sale)

THE PAST · Chris Catling · November 2025

From royal hall to cannonballs: rediscovering the many lives of the Woolwich Rotunda

"Currently on the Historic England Heritage at Risk Register and described as being in 'very bad' condition, the Woolwich Rotunda is supported by a web of scaffolding and faces an uncertain future."

[the-past.com/feature/from-royal-hall-to-cannonballs...](https://www.the-past.com/feature/from-royal-hall-to-cannonballs...)

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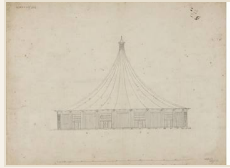
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Greenwich Enterprise Board / visualisations of the wider site, 2026



Restored public realm
Visualisation courtesy Greenwich Enterprise Board



Wider site aerial
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Studios from above
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Hookwick entrance
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Studios courtyard
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