



Clare Cottage - Helpston, Peterborough.

Client: John Clare Trust

- An Exhibition Plus project
- HLF lottery funded
- A design and build contract £120,000

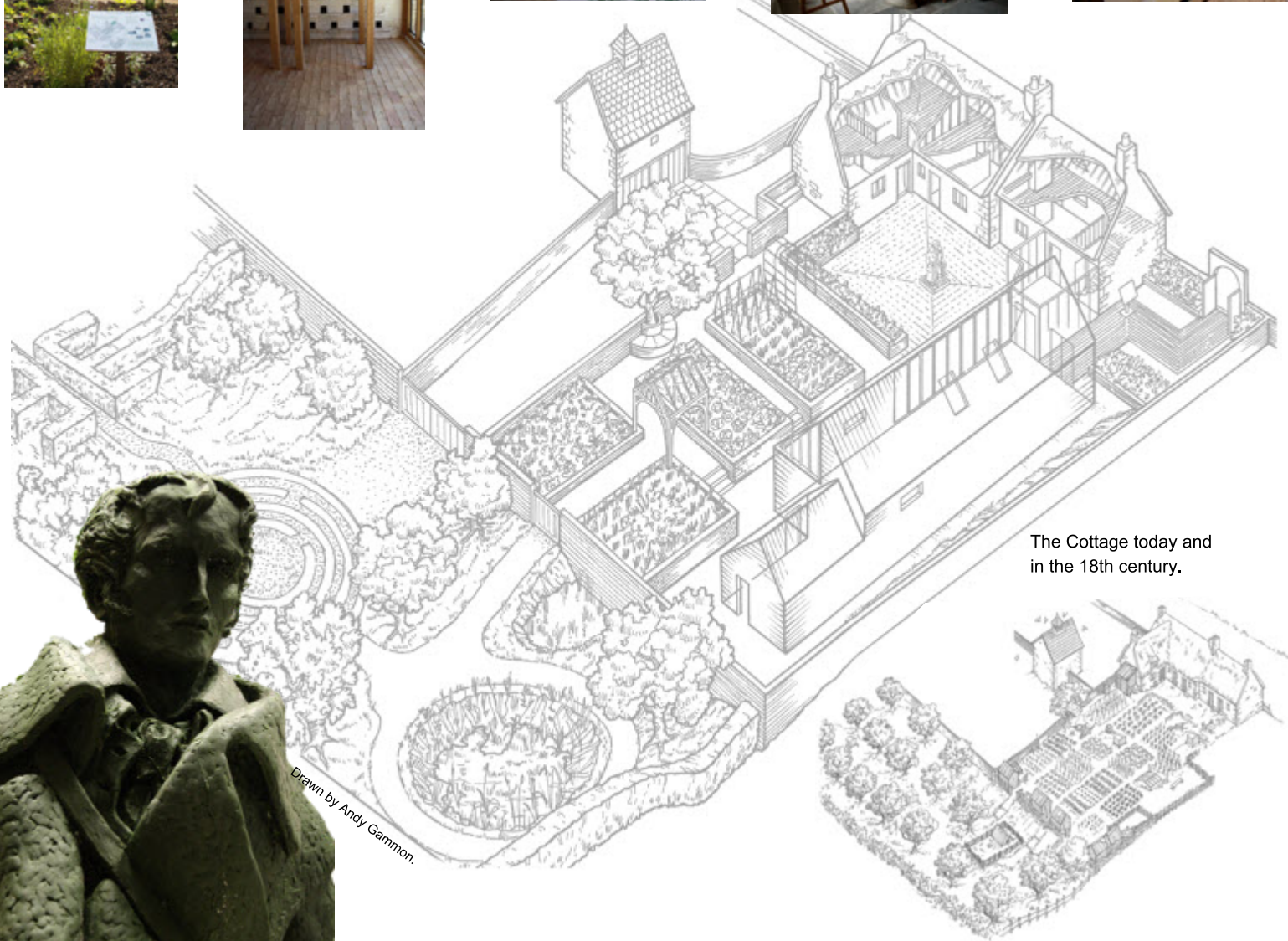
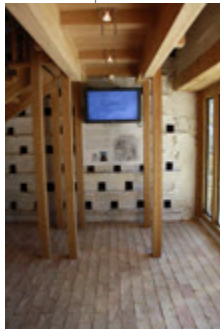


Sculpture from the rear shows the icons that inspired Clare, all dramatised on the audio tour.

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Working with client, we developed the interpretation of John Clare, a peasant poet born in the 18th century, who was deeply moved by the changing landscapes around him. We took the design scheme from HLF application through to final build, which included four audio tours covering the cottage, Clare's birthplace, and the local village of Helpston. Interpretation also included a bronze sculpture of Clare, which features on the audio tour, room reconstructions, Clare's manuscripts, special effects, audio visual displays, graphics and low tech interaction. We utilised the niches in the Dovecote to become a three dimensional visitor book, allowing people to contribute their own experience, which extends beyond the work of the poet and includes observations of how the countryside today, is changing.



The Cottage today and in the 18th century.

Drawn by Andy Gammon.