

# Appeal For Refurbishment Of The Garrett Room

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## *The Spode Museum Trust Heritage Centre*



*The Spode Museum Trust  
faces what is perhaps it's  
most challenging time  
ahead in 2019.*

The Trust has received notice from Stoke City Council that the ceramic collection must be moved by October 2019 from its current storage location. The area designated to re-house this collection is situated on the first floor immediately above the retail area at the Spode Museum Trust Heritage Centre and is to be known as the Garrett Room. This is a massive floor area and structural engineers have confirmed that the floor loading is adequate for this purpose, however the area will require considerable refurbishment, i.e. new ceilings, timber floor repairs and covering, brick walls to be plastered, heating and lighting, fire escape to be re-opened, fire and security alarms installed, and, in due time, partitioning to create study areas and an office for a qualified Museum curator.

The Trust will be exploring the possibility of obtaining grants towards this refurbishment cost but inevitably any awards are likely to fall short of what is needed to be achieved for this huge undertaking. Once the initial refurbishment is completed the 76 cabinets which were obtained from Wedgwood

in 2015 with FOSM's financial support can be located in the Garrett Room ready to receive the collection.

Therefore the trust is appealing to you for financial assistance towards this refurbishment project which eventually will mean that the Spode Museum Trust will have fulfilled its cherished desire to return the collection back to the original Spode factory site; in turn leading to a fully operational Heritage Centre and Museum enabling it to make that final progression to become a fully accredited Museum - a place where the public, students and academics alike can benefit from the vast resource held in the collection and a place of which Stoke and the nation can be justly proud.

U.S. citizens wishing to make a charitable deduction can contribute U.S. dollars to American Friends of the Spode Museum, either by PayPal to [americanfriendsspode@gmail.com](mailto:americanfriendsspode@gmail.com) or by check to 47 Roselyn Terrace, San Francisco, CA 94118. Contributions of stock can also be made to American Friends of the Spode Museum account #9165-3249 at Charles Schwab & Co.