

BRAmPTON ABBOTTS

Village Hall



News Update – December 2022

Welcome to our final BAVH update for 2022, hopefully you have found our updates since our AGM valuable and the level of communication improved. This is of course all down to Ali O'Brien's endless time spent and creative flair...big thanks.

Since our AGM in June it's been a whirlwind six months. With the new roof completed during the summer we were able to re-enter the site and start to plan works and kick start the internal refurbishment.

Enthusiastic groups of volunteers set about cleaning the interior, painting the external walls and clearing the neglected garden, its breathed new life back into the hall and given it some sparkle, thank you to all those that gave their time so generously.

Contracts for internal works have been awarded and our available funds committed and I am delighted to say that works have commenced recently. This would not have been possible without the generous 'Corporate Sponsorship' and the 'Buy a Brick' Campaigns, so a big thank you to those that dug deep and gave money to help us towards our goal.

And that goal, in this phase, is to get the hall open by the Spring, so it can be used for community events. We will have to rely on volunteers to help with some of the tasks to keep costs down so we will be in touch to those people that have kindly put their names forward at the HOPE event earlier in the year.

Opening will result in a hall fit for purpose, but this is not our final vision. So there will be a Phase 2, however, with our resources spent, timing will be dependent on funding from grants or further fundraising campaigns ...so there is plenty of opportunity to donate and help if you have not already done so.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Trustee's for the commitment, and hard work they have contributed to the project to date, we remain totally focussed on our initial goal on getting your hall open, ...let's make it happen.

Thank you and Merry Xmas to all from your BAVH Trustees.

Jonathan



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Renovation Update

It is very exciting to report that work to get the Village Hall operational again has begun. After sterling work by a number of people, contractors have been engaged, finishes agreed and material ordered.

The electrical contractor started on the 28th November carrying out rewiring and installing new lighting and heating.

The building contractor is due to start on December 5th. The disabled toilet facilities are being upgraded along with new ceilings and associated works generally.

Work to update the fire alarm system will also be commencing in the next week.

General Information

The electricity pole in the garden has been removed and power placed underground as part of the works being carried out on the power lines in the village.

Events Team Volunteers

We've started to receive enquiries to book the hall now which is really encouraging as we continue to plough through the various challenges of project managing a refurbishment. One lady got in touch to enquire about a wedding booking. Whilst unfortunately we can't yet commit to a date of opening (we've now reached a point of allocating all available funds) to guarantee for a couple's special day, we are really excited to be getting enquiries of this nature.

Next we'd like to start forming a team of people to be part of the events planning – please contact us if you are interested. We anticipate starting to formulate an events calendar in the New Year.

Fundraising Updates



Another Bronze Corporate Sponsorship (£750) has been taken by Arrotek Medical in Ireland.

Five more bricks have been purchased boosting the fundraising by £500, thank you to –

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Treasurer's Statement

A total in excess of £25,000 has been raised from our fundraising activities.

We have a healthy balance of £59,000 in the bank with further amounts totalling circa £10,000 due in.

Works has commenced on orders placed to the value of £53,000 which will cover electrics including lighting and heating in all areas, ceilings where needed in all areas except the larger storeroom and flooring to the main hall and other areas where needed. A complete refurbishment of the disabled toilet is also covered by these PO's.

Funds will be available from pledges still to come in to purchase and fit a new kitchen in the end of year sales.

Interior decoration (except high ceilings) will be the focus of a drive for volunteer groups in the New Year.

These activities will give us the ability to re-open with a Hall we can be proud of and then try to make it even better.

This would not have been possible without our Corporate Sponsors and Brick Donors so huge thanks to all our supporters.

Happy Christmas and an exciting New Year,
Mike

Next Trustee Meeting

The next Trustee's meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 10th January 2023.



Happy Christmas everyone

