

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR SHUTFORD VILLAGE HALL - NOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO YOUR COMMUNITY

Shutford Village Hall was completed and opened in 1954, a second hand prefab but none the less precious building, which has now come to the end of its useful life. Refurbishment of the existing structure is no longer economic and very importantly a viable and safe disabled access cannot be achieved without major excavation of the site.

The Village Hall Committee was granted planning permission to construct a new modern hall on the original site fit for today's purpose in 2015.

Following the decision by the Parish Council not to support a Public Works Loan repaid over 25 years, the Village Hall Committee has gone back to the contractors to address the project costs to ensure affordability on the basis of revised amendments to the original design.

We are delighted to announce that we have been able to reduce the overall project costs by making some changes to the design of the hall and committing to a village **'self help plan'** to finish off the interior of the building.

We plan to engage our contractor to build the main structure of the building, **Phase 1**, which means we will need to finish the internals i.e. plastering, painting, installing a kitchen & loos etc., ourselves, **Phase 2**.

With pledges already of over **£100,000**, together with accumulated funds held by Village Hall Trustees of **£25k**, we have 75% of the money. This leaves an outstanding amount of **£45k** of which £10k is pending from grants and funds from this year's festival. Therefore we need to raise only **£35k to enable us to start to build the new Village Hall this Summer!**

There will be monies coming in from the Shutford Festival and thank you in advance for all your support at this year's event. We are also waiting for replies following applications to a number of community grant organisations.

Our Village Hall was originally built as a result of the enormous efforts of our parishioners and money raised by the Shutford Social Club. Once again we would like to embrace this community spirit and turn to our parishioners for support in addition to local fundraising which the Village Hall Committee will be conducting, starting with this year's Summer Festival.

So this is where we can all help to continue the legacy of our fellow villagers before us who helped to build our Shutford Village into what it is today and to maintain our vibrant community spirit for years to come.

Phase 1: Pledge funds towards the project.

- Pledge monies towards the build by ticking the box on the right.

£1,000	Tick here <input type="checkbox"/>
£500	Tick here <input type="checkbox"/>
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I confirm that I am able to gift aid my donation*	Tick here <input type="checkbox"/>
Name and contact telephone number:	
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*The village hall is a registered charity (No. 304364) and can claim gift aid from donors who are UK tax payers, so if you are in this category, we will issue you a gift aid form, which will enable our charity to supplement your donation by 25% from HMRC, e.g. a gift of £1,000 generates a further £250 from HMRC.

Phase 2: Pledge your time and skill.

- Join the build team. We plan to bring together villagers to help finish off the internal part of the building. We already have offers from some villagers, but now is your chance to join the team. If you are in the trade or a keen DIYer and can help us fit out the new build - then sign up now by filling in the box below.

Name:
What skills can you bring (tea makers welcome!):

Please complete the form and return to the Shutford Village Hall Secretary, Christine Yarborough, Clematis Cottage, Church Lane, Shutford asap. Or alternatively a member of the Shutford Village Hall Committee will be collecting forms the weekend of the 30 April.

Many thanks for all your support

Shutford Village Hall Committee

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Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: How have we been able to reduce costs:

A: By generous offers of help from villagers we can remove the labour cost to complete the building interior i.e., plastering, painting, kitchen fit etc., from the contractor's works and by reducing the area of stonework and changing the building design. These two initiatives are likely to save something in the order of £70,000.

Q: Why didn't we do this before rather than trying to get a Public Works Loan:

A: Our original funding plan was to commission the entire build and fund the gap using a Public Works Loan. That would have been the fairest and quickest way to deliver a new hall to Shutford. Our current plan will take longer, but Shutford needs a new hall, so the committee must press on. We will also need to agree minor amendments to the design with Cherwell District Council.

Q: When do we need to start building to avoid costs rising?

A: This summer (August), when we can make use of the drier weather. The building should only take 20 weeks to complete.

Q: Are there any further grants that have been applied for?

A: Yes, we have made various grant applications which we are waiting confirmation. However, the larger grant aid bodies such as the Big Lottery and The Landfill Communities Fund are not open to Shutford because our location does not fit within their criteria.

Q: How do we know if the hall will be used when it is built?

A: We have had interest from the following groups to book classes once the new Village Hall is built: **Exercise classes: Tai Chi, Pilates, Yoga. Dance classes: Zumba and Salsa (for adults and children). Art Classes, Cookery Class, Film Club, Flower arranging classes, Horticultural Shows, Literary Festival and many more!**

Not to mention the recreational side of the hall being used for important family occasions such as **birthdays, christenings and a good old fashioned party!**

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