

how we can turn our ideas into action

There's no doubt that this is a large and complicated project, but with determination and effort, we believe we can win through. At the moment, the timetable for progress looks like this:

1. Carry out a village survey and use the information it contains to prepare a feasibility study and firm plans.
2. Set up a charity to build and run the hall.
3. Prepare architect's drawings and apply for planning permission
4. Apply for major funding grants and raise money through other avenues
5. Appoint contractors
6. Opening ceremony

The funding processes are complex and tend to be slow, so it looks likely that the project will take around two years to complete. The only way we can speed this up is to raise more money ourselves, so keep an eye out for news of our fundraising programme.

many
hands
make **light**
work

If you could spare an hour or two and would like to help in some way - however small, please make contact. An offer to help does not commit you to the duration of the project, but the current Village Hall Committee is small and already under pressure!

Contact one of the following members:

- Dave Hedgecock:** 830 932
Chris Gomm: 830 766
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new village hall

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tell us what **you** want!

The campaign to build a completely new village hall in Newton Regis is up and running - all we need now is for you to take part by telling us exactly how you think the new building should be used!

We already know that people support building a hall which can be used by a wide variety of local groups, and are keen to see disadvantaged groups - such as older people - getting a real benefit.

Funding

But in order to win precious funding for the project, we need to demonstrate that villagers and user groups really support the campaign. So in the next couple of weeks, we'll be sending a questionnaire to every house in the village asking your views on how the new village hall might be used by the local

community and also by other groups.

Questionnaire

Please remember that your views really count, so please try to take part. To help you, we've outlined some of our ideas inside this newsletter, but if you have any other thoughts, do include them on the questionnaire which will be collected a week or so after distribution.

Meeting

In the meantime, if you'd like more information on the project, feel free to come along to our next meeting or see the next newsletter.

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How you can help

thanks to the queen's

A big thank you to Mike and Debbie from the Queen's Head, and to everyone who takes part in the famous meat raffle every week.

On hearing of plans to build a new village hall, Mike and Debbie offered the proceeds of the meat raffle for the foreseeable future, and have really got our fundraising efforts off to a great start.

Fundraising will inevitably be a big part of the village hall campaign, so please help us by supporting our fundraising events programme in any way you can! (More details on this later in the year.)

this is our chance
to build a **new** village hall...

it's for
everyone!

social occasions

From wedding receptions to Christmas parties - the hall could provide a venue for social functions of all types.

village functions

There are plenty of occasions when villagers need to meet. Uses could include Parish Council Meetings and Village Shows. A bar and children's room might also be useful.

clubs and societies

A wide variety of clubs seek venues for their meetings. What about Bridge Clubs, Women's Institute meetings, music groups and choirs?

sports facility

Sited near the playing fields, the new Village Hall could offer changing facilities, teas and presentations. Indoor activities such as yoga, table tennis and badminton could also take place.

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possible uses for the new newton regis village hall

training centre

Learning new skills in a local setting could be important for lots of villagers. Think about learning languages or shorthand for example?

little theatre

Villagers often lack access to entertainment. It wouldn't be difficult to incorporate a stage, a bar and changing rooms for plays, comedy nights and the like.

meeting place for young and old alike

Older people often miss out on village life when shops disappear and transport is poor. Youngsters would also benefit from a place to meet. What about a youth club, or a senior citizen's coffee bar?

community services

A drop-in centre, a pick-up point for local transport, a place for young mums with babies to meet... there are lots of ways in which the village hall could assist the wider community.

have your say

Please have your say. Fill in the questionnaire which will be sent to you soon, and help us to make sure we build the best village hall possible.

take part in the survey...and help us win through