

Linton Village Hall Refurbishment Project Overview Report

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Locality

Linton is in South Derbyshire is a rural district in central England covering an area of over 112 square miles. It adjoins and is heavily influenced by the City of Derby to the north, Burton upon Trent to the west and Ashby-de-la-Zouch to the east. The town of Swadlincote, in the south of the District, is the main urban centre with a population of around 35,000.

For many years the District has been the fastest growing in Derbyshire and is currently one of the fastest growing areas in England. Official forecasts anticipate the population increasing from the current 95,000 to over 123,000 by 2035.

The population is also becoming older and more diverse with implications for the types of housing, facilities and support services that will be needed in the future. The village has seen an increase in houses being built and the population has increased. New developments are currently in progress which will further increase the population. Having good quality local facilities is essential in supporting the local community.

The Hall

Linton Village Hall is a community-based village hall and a registered charity was built in 1972 with monies raised from the local villagers. All the charity directors and members are volunteers who run the hall for the benefit of the village and its local community. The hall is a centre point for the village and supports the provision of a community centre for various local groups on a regular basis as well as being available to hire by the public.

For the building to remain viable and appealing to the local community significant investment was needed to ensure the hall continues to thrive and becomes a centre for village once more and is more usable to the local community making the hall an asset for future generations.

Project Management.

The committee elected 3 members of the committee to form a sub-group, to project manage the process. Delegated authority was given to the sub-group to manage the project. The subcommittee made recommendations to the full committee on the contract awards and the prioritisation of the works that were carried out based on the funding that is secured.

We used local trusted tradespersons to undertake the refurbishment to support the local business economy. The contractors selected for the work had a track record of flexibility, reliability and/or have previously carried out work for the hall.

We were guided by our Carbon Trust energy assessment in relation to the contractors and their recommendations for improvements to decrease energy usage and carbon footprint and renewable energy solutions.

Project Funding

Through a series of grant applications, a total of £92,491.52 was raised for the project which has enabled us to complete a significant refurbishment to be undertaken. The shortfall has been made up from the charity reserves to enable us to complete the project.

A summary of the funding obtained is detailed below.

Total Required £95251.96	
Grant Funders	Amounts
Section 106 money	£58,071.52
Village Halls Improvement Grant Fund (DEFRA)	£10,000
National Lottery	£7920
Garfield Weston	£10000
Bernard Sunley (This Application)	£5000
East Midlands Airport	£1500
LVH Charity Reserves	£2760.44
Totals	£95251.96

Project Spend

The refurbishment project fell into various project lines and the expenditure is allocated against each line.

Project Line	Expenditure
Reconfiguration of toilet facilities and replacement of toilets and sink units	£55,716.94
Reconfiguration of entrance hall and storeroom	
Creation of disabled toilet facility	
Replacement of gas boiler heating system to Boiler and air conditioning units	
Conversion to LED and sensor lighting	£4,077.60
Refurbishment of kitchen and replacement flooring	£5,527.19
Replacement dining/bar area flooring and units	£2,155.05
Replacement of flat roofs and insulation	£15,153.60
Replacement of CCTV	£2,670.50
Replacement of external doors and fire doors	£5,357.25
Redecoration of hall (internal) & Floor treatment	£1,143.08
Creation of Website	£674.40
Refurbishment of stage	£891.75
Guttering	£450.00
Replacement curtains/blinds (Hall)	£1,204.30
Table trolley	£230.30
Total	£95251.96

Benefits and Value

The project has enabled a much wider group of the community to be able to use the hall. The space we have created is now fully multi-functional and the infrastructure within the building now provides a good quality modern facility that is now open to the whole community.

The improvements in the general toilet facilities and creation of a separate disabled toilet facility have ensured that dignity and independent accessibility to the events that take place at the hall. The installation of baby change facilities in both female toilets and in the disabled toilet has increased accessibility of the hall. The taps are sensor controlled which reduces water usage and allows hand free use. The changes has improved the environment for groups such as baby groups and further supports parent and child activities as well as benefiting private hire of hall.

The creation of an updated industrial kitchen space will enable groups that want to cook and prepare food to do so in an environment that is suitable and enable groups such as elderly lunch clubs or parent and child group to be able to provide food.

The heating/cooling environment changes have led to a significant improvement in the heating and cooling of the building. It can be controlled to create an environment that meets the needs of the activity. It takes around 30mins from turning on the system to achieving the optimum temperature range. The change in lighting over the whole building to LED and installation of sensor-controlled lighting has further reduced the carbon usage. This has had a significant impact on our carbon footprint and has reduced the energy use significantly.

The new website has opened up the marketing potential of the hall and makes it easier for potential hirers to be fully informed of the facility. The website has been used to promote our funders and show what the hall has to offer and the policies we have in place to support its governance. www.lintonvillagehall.com

Stakeholder Feedback

We asked our regular groups to provide some feedback on the improvements and here are a few of the comments they made :-

“Anyone who sat in the audience for shows will now not have to bake joining summer performances and the toilet facilities for all visitors and even more for disabled businesses have a much improved environment”.

“I can’t believe the difference it’s made! Not only is the hall now much easier in terms of temperature, but it has a much more modern and sleek feeling!”.

“Brings the Hall into the twenty-20th century it is now so much nicer to have a function there I’m looking forward to fun times ahead”.

“I love how it has been refurbished, it now looks fresh, modern and has provided my ladies and I with the perfect place to enjoy our weekly exercise class. The air conditioning is a fantastic addition to the hall to help us all feel comfortable for longer whilst exercising. I would be more than happy to recommend the hall to other people to hire it for events”.





“Hopefully the Hall will now attract newcomers to use this great facility”.

“After managing to secure 106 money that was owed to them from developments within the Village, Linton Village Hall and it’s committee have gone from strength to strength. Using this money, they have managed to secure other grants that have enabled them to refurbish the hall to this amazingly high-quality standard. Linton Village Hall, with its fresh new look, has become a talking point locally and will now be able to be used for various events and get back to being a venue that brings all the community together! It has been a pleasure to be involved. Well done Linton Village Hall”.

Before and After

Here are just a few photos to show how much has been changed.

Area	Before	After
Main Hall		
Toilets		
Boiler & Heating System		

<p>Kitchen & Dining Areas</p>		
<p>New Main Entrance & Storeroom</p>		

Summary

The hall has now been refurbished to a very high standard and the facility now proves an excellent environment in which we are able to feel proud of as a village and we are now looking forward to many years continued use in our area. On behalf of all the committee and the local community we would like to thank our funders for their support in enabling us to achieve so much.