



THE OLD CHAPEL Community Project

Newsletter

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This project group has been formed by a number of people within the village, who have been meeting to see if it is viable for the villagers to voluntarily take ownership of the Old Chapel in the heart of Gotherington.

This would mean initially raising enough money within the community to purchase the building; and then to secure the grant funding required to renovate the building.

There will also be opportunity to hold various fund-raising events to help towards costs and have a bit of fun in the process!

This Newsletter has been created for everyone who might like to be a part of the project however big or small. With your help, we can restore the Old Chapel into a hall for the community, that will complement the village's other facilities, whilst helping to accommodate our growing population.

If you are reading this and you are not on our email distribution list, please drop us a note using the address at the bottom of this page.

What is the current position?

The Trust who own the building has agreed to sell to a registered village organisation, on the same terms as offered to the Parish Council, with a sale price of **£50,000**. **The sale needs to be completed in June 2018.**

We have made a request to the PCC (Parochial Church Council) to consider making a substantial donation to the project. We will meet with them next week and hope to have a reply soon after.



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Thank you!

Firstly, thank you so much for showing an interest in this project. As you probably know Gotherington's Old Chapel was built in 1833 and is owned by the Countess of Huntingdon's Trust. It was formerly the Free Church which was closed in 2006. Since then it was used as a community building, called the Church Centre from 2012-2016 after which it was closed.

What are we doing now?

In addition to defining the scope of the project, our first step is to establish a legal entity which can receive donations and purchase the building from the Trust.

This entity will be chosen from a number of possible community schemes and we are seeking advice from GRCC (Gloucestershire Rural Community Council) to assist us in making the choice.

A decision on the precise model will be made by the end of March.

OPEN DAY

March 24th, 10am—2pm
at The Old Chapel

Pop in for a cuppa and a chat.

We'd love to hear your ideas for the hall....
..do you fancy a stroll to Salsa class, unwind with an art group or catch a movie in our very own screening rooms??

There are **LOTS** of possibilities!



Tesco Tokens

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'Restoration of the Old Chapel' is one of the projects being supported in Tesco stores around Cheltenham at the moment!

This could kick start our fundraising by as much as £4k!

Please ask for tokens when you shop and tell your friends too!!

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Let us know....

Would you like to get involved in The Old Chapel Community Project?

If you are keen to help in any way we'd love to hear from you.

You may like to assist in the running of the project; have local business connections that could be interested in supporting our community project, or you might like to help with fundraising, which could include a cake sale or two!

We really do need your support on several levels **including financially.**

We realise that you need more information and probably have a host of questions.

We plan to hold a further open meeting in early May.

Look out for email alerts and announcements around the village.

Thank you!