

Dear Residents

Medbourne Village Hall opened as a school in May 1869 and has therefore been an important part of village life for almost 150 years.

If you have used the Village Hall recently you can't fail to have noticed that it is in a very poor state of repair and for some time the Village Hall Committee has been considering the best options for its restoration. The Committee believes that rather than continuing the current "sticking plaster" approach, we should embark on a major programme of refurbishment and restoration.

The Vision

The Committee would like to instigate a major plan for the restoration, refurbishment, and extension of the Village Hall. To fulfil the ultimate wish list will obviously cost a considerable amount so we are planning to have a phased redevelopment plan over the next 5 years.

Phase 1 will be to replace the roof so that modern insulation can be incorporated making the building more efficient to run. This will enable us to expose the roof and the beams in full making a central feature. Phase 1 will also involve refurbishing both the Main Hall and the Smaller Hall by sandblasting the walls, re-wiring, installing new central heating, modern lighting, and installing a new kitchen.

Phase 2 will be to extend into the area at the back of the building where the sheds are currently located, to offer a dedicated history room and other small meeting rooms, additional storage as well as modern toilet facilities. We will have plans and sketches available early in the New Year which we will present to the Village.

The Cost

Based on estimates received so far, we have set an initial target of **£150,000 for Phase 1**. We are kick starting the fund with £15,000 of our capital reserves and will be running a programme of fund raising events in the future.

Be Our Friend

We would like to invite every resident in the village to become a **Friend of Medbourne Village Hall** and work with us to protect and preserve this beautiful building for the next 150 years. There are two ways in which you could help to make a big difference.

The Committee would like to appeal to the village for donations to the restoration fund. We are registering for the Gift Aid Scheme so that tax relief will be available to donors and the fund. If you feel you could help with the fund either by making a single donation or by a regular monthly standing order, please complete the attached form and send it to either the Chairman or Treasurer of the Committee in the strictest confidence.

We now have a dedicated team who will be working on applications for grants to assist with the project. (Other local Village Halls have received grants of over £300,000). Financial support from local people will assist our applications for matched funding from organisations such as the Heritage Lottery Fund so every penny will count.

If you are unable to help in this way but may be able to **give a little time** either as a one off or on a regular basis, please let us know by completing the form below. The Committee is small and would appreciate help with organising fund raising events or help with running them. Anyone with skills that would help with grant applications or project management would be extremely welcome.

Our Village Hall is a great asset to us and is a major landmark in the centre of Medbourne.

Please become a Friend of Medbourne Village Hall. Help us transform it into an attractive modern facility to be enjoyed by current and future generations.

Yours sincerely

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Agree to donate

- £5.00 £10.00 £20.00 £50.00 Other Amount Please specify £.....
- As a one-off payment by cheque payable to **Medbourne Village Hall** (enclosed)
- Electronically to **Account number 27485606 Sort Code 09 01 54** - one off /monthly standing order
- I am a UK taxpayer and would like to receive a Gift Aid Declaration for completion.

Am able to assist with

- Fundraising Events Grant Applications/Projects The Committee generally