



East Worlington Parish Hall

Heritage Project 2017 – 2019 Conservation and Celebration: A Century Serving Our Community as a Parish Hall

10 Year Plan – The Context

- In 2011, we established a **10 Year Conservation and Improvement Plan** for the Parish Hall to be implemented in **3 main phases**.
- **First Phase** was between 2013 and 2016 when we achieved the conservation and improvement work in the main hall and the periodic renewal of the thatched roof.
- **Second Phase** is this project, 2017 to 2019, which focuses on the area of the building where the kitchen is located.
- **Third Phase** is still to be initiated and will focus on the foyer and toilets.



Why the project title? **Conservation and Celebration: A Century Serving Our Community as a Parish Hall**

- The hall was originally a barn owned by the church and part of the range of buildings of East Worlington Rectory, now East Worlington House.
- Following World War 1 there was national consensus that those who served and died should be remembered. Government made it clear this was a locality based initiative and would not pay for any memorial. In some parishes, this was achieved by establishing a memorial hall. In East Worlington, as in most parishes, a group of parishioners convened a meeting to agree their local plan. The rector at the time attended the meeting and as part of the discussion offered to sell the barn, which was no longer needed as a barn, to the community to use as a parish hall for community use. The barn was eventually sold into community ownership in 1920. The Hall is legally owned by the Parish Council and held in Trust, managed by a group of Trustees.
- The centenary provides the opportunity to conserve the hall for the next 100 years and celebrate our heritage.

Conservation and Refurbishment of the Kitchen



Needs Identification: Building Condition

- Heating – currently ineffective and inappropriate single high level single bar wall heater.
 - Fails to provide sufficient heat to work in kitchen in cold weather.
 - Creates condensation.
 - Danger of frozen pipes in cold weather.
- External roof – The original roof of the lean-to, which is now the kitchen, was originally made of slate. This was replaced with concrete tiles when the roof fell into disrepair. This compromises the heritage value of the building and adds unnecessary weight to aging timber supports.
- The external wall to the north has been built of single skin blocks and has inadequate insulation value.
- The walls, because of their construction, are currently difficult to keep clean adding to an environmental health concern.
- The wall to the west is of cob and stone construction and is affected by condensation.
- The wall to the east is of uneven stone construction and is the partition wall between the kitchen and the storeroom and in need of skimming.
- The kitchen external door is ill-fitting and allows drafts and heat loss.
- The kitchen window in the north wall is single glazed and does not provide sufficient insulation.
- Two roof lights are single glazed and do not provide sufficient insulation and increase condensation problems.
- The electrical infrastructure is in need of modernisation.
- Old wooden cupboards and wooden working surfaces are inadequate and provide an environmental health hazards.
- Dampness is extensive and facilitates the growth of mould which is an environmental health hazard.
- The floor has no insulation, is of a loose stone sub-level with a thin layer of surface concrete and is uneven.
- The plumbing and water heating arrangements need improvement.

Needs Identification: Business

- Our existing customers require catering facilities to support their events, e.g. Harvest Supper, private party functions, school and pre-school events.
- Our business plan includes the use of the hall for and increased number of social events and celebrations including wedding receptions, christening parties, birthday parties, etc. These events require a good standard of catering facility.
- We need to cater for an increase in visitors and events as part of the Hall's function as a Heritage Learning Centre.



Needs Identification: Community

- The Hall is the only community facility within the Parish and as such has a key role as a community hub for community learning, recreational, social, health-related, communication and community meetings and events purposes.
- Through a community survey and ongoing needs identification with the community the improvements to the kitchen and catering facilities at the Parish Hall are considered to be a priority.
- Many community events require catering facilities, e.g. Monthly Community Brunch, Community Lunch, Pub Nights, Social and Celebration events, talk with a meal, coffee mornings, etc.
- The Parish Hall becomes an Operations Hub and/or a place of shelter for within the **Parish's Emergency / Resilience Plan**. As such it is necessary to provide food and drinks for operation teams and / or displaced parishioners.

The Solution

- Install heating connected to the heating arrangements for the rest of the hall.
- Install insulation and damp proof membrane under new solid floor.
- Install two new double-glazed Velux roof lights.
- Replace window in north wall with a double-glazed unit.
- Add insulation to ceiling.
- Add an insulation solution to single skin North external wall and skim plaster.
- Plaster east and west integral walls to provide smooth surface for painting and cleaning.
- Add wall tiles above all work and cooking surfaces.
- Install cooking extractor fan.
- Renew to current standards the electrical circuits and fittings.
- Refit external door.
- Replace the concrete ceiling tiles with slate tiles and add breathable membrane and insulation.
- Replace and install all new kitchen units and worktops.
- Improve the plumbing and water heating arrangements.

Our Heritage Project

East Worlington Parish Hall History and Heritage

History is defined as the study of the past and heritage refers to valued objects and qualities such as historic buildings and traditions that have been passed down from previous generations. Our project is based on the conservation of the building, researching the history associated with its use over the last 100 years and recording and sharing learning about its use and evolution in support of its heritage value.

The Purposes of our Heritage Lottery Project

- Our Heritage Lottery Project runs between September 2017 and 29 March 2019.
- Conserve the area of East Worlington Parish Hall that is currently used as a kitchen.
- Improve the existing kitchen so it conforms to current catering standards.
- Create a Good Governance Guidance pack for new Trustees and promote volunteering, supporting the development of knowledge and skills.
- Research and create a record of documents, photographs and accounts of how the Hall has been used and evolved over the last 100 years.
- Share learning through documents, exhibitions, websites and social media.
- Develop a timeline to share learning on Worlington Heritage website.
- Create a Parish Hall heritage photographic on-line gallery.
- With a kitchen theme research and document a range of traditional recipes and menus through the decades.
- Hold events that enable the sampling of different recipes and menus.
- Celebrate 100 years serving the community as a Parish Hall.
- Tell the story of the project and share knowledge through a Project Blog and Social Media.

Ways the Community Can Engage with the Project

- Offer moral support and encouragement for project implementation.
- Support fund-raising activities and events.
- Raise funds for conservation and improvement to the Parish Hall.
- Engage with the research associated with the project.
- Share knowledge and learning to help others learn and understand.
- Use social media to promote the project.
- Contribute skills to support the Hall's conservation and improvement plan.



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