

**BID FOR LOCAL PRIORITIES MONIES 2010/11 FROM WHELPLEY HILL VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE**

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> To: Derrick, Alison  
> Subject: Whelpley Hill Village Hall - application for Local Priorities budget  
> grant

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> Hello Alison

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> Further to our telephone conversation on Friday 26th March, I'm outlining  
> below: the Whelpley Hill village hall project, the costs involved and the  
> difference the project will make to our village.

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> We hope that you will consider our project for a grant from your Local  
> Priorities budget. If you have any questions or need further information,  
> please do not hesitate to contact me.

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> Regards  
> Pauline Stacey  
> on behalf of the Whelpley Hill Coronation Village Hall Committee

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> **The project**

> The village hall was built in 1937 and has had little updating since. Several  
> years ago it was apparent the hall needed essential repairs, improvements,  
> and extension if it was to continue as an amenity for the village in the 21st  
> century. The building had fallen in to a poor state of repair. The hall is a  
> timber-clad building with no insulation, thin walls and old inefficient  
> electric ceiling heaters. The kitchen is antiquated and cramped and difficult  
> to maintain hygiene standards.

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> The hall currently has poor energy efficiency and by carrying out the  
> necessary improvements will allow us to reduce fuel bills, reduce carbon  
> emissions and provide a comfortable environment for users. The addition of a  
> side extension would allow increased usage of the hall and greater  
> flexibility for bookings.

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> A work schedule was drawn up and we are implementing the work in a phased  
> approach.

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> **Work in progress/completed**

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- > Existing windows replaced
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- > Fascia, soffit and guttering replaced
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- > Existing cladding repaired / made good
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- > Roof replaced (asbestos removed)
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- > Front extension providing disabled access
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- > Fire lighting and emergency lighting
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- > The above work has almost been completed. This phase cost approx £58000 and
- > has been funded by £25000 from the church (Diocese of Oxford - as recompense
- > for the sale of the village church), and the village hall has funded the
- > balance.

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> **Work still to do**

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- > Insulation board and skim to existing walls £3200
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- > Insulation board and skim to existing ceiling £2680
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- > Raise floor to rear of building £1500
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- > Replace kitchen £9500
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- > Purchase new kitchen appliances £1000
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- > Side extension £29740

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- > The hall needs to raise funds to complete the work still to do. We currently
- > have applications in for Awards for All and CDC grants and are exploring all
- > avenues to raise the funds to complete the work on the hall. We are also
- > continuing to hold fund-raising events within the village.

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- > The difference the project will make to Whelpley Hill Residents
- > Carrying out the planned work to improve and update the hall is imperative as
- > the hall is our only remaining public amenity within the village, apart from
- > a pub. The school, shop, and the church are now closed. The hall is used by
- > the majority of villagers for one purpose or another and is vital for our
- > community cohesion. We need to provide the necessary improvements to the hall
- > to give local people a comfortable place to meet.

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> Whelpley Hill has a very diverse socio-economic mix. There are approximately

> 180 residences - 90 of which are located on The Park (all mobile park homes).

> There is also a full range of age groups. Because of rural isolation and

> lack of public transport it is important that the village hall is available

> as it is within easy walking distance of the majority of households in the

> village. Not all residents have cars, and without access to a hall, there are

> some who would not be able to travel elsewhere to enjoy social events - this

> would lead to an increased sense of isolation.

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> The hall is used for a broad range of uses, such as Whelpley Hill Women's

> Institute, dog training classes, art classes, and is available for hire for

> children's parties and private events. The village hall committee sets up a

> schedule of events throughout the year, these include, for example: a

> Christmas Fayre, quiz nights, race nights, pet show, 'Spud-in-tub'

> competition. These events are all well supported and pull the community

> together. A typical social event will sell 50+ tickets and depending on the

> nature of the event will draw out different people.

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