



# Alne Village Hall

## VILLAGE HALL RENOVATION & REFURBISHMENT PROJECT

### UPDATE 2 – December 2013

Although my first Update was back in February, this does not mean that nothing has been happening in the Hall. It is simply that progress has, unfortunately, been slower than hoped.

In April, as hopefully you may have noticed, two windows were replaced in the Hall with openers, courtesy of a small grant from Hambleton DC – we'd started! However...

No major work could commence without an asbestos survey first being completed – and although the tiled ceilings were ruled perfectly safe whilst undisturbed, there was an asbestos risk if they were moved. Since they had to come out, we had no choice: they had to be professionally removed, at an extremely painful total cost in excess of £10,000.

After much form-filling, a £10,000 grant from Awards for All allowed this to happen in late August. So, six months on, lots of money spent, and absolutely nothing to show for it, it seemed.

However, they say it is the preparation behind the scenes that matters, and since then things have moved forward apace, thanks in no small part to a £10,000 grant from Biffa. New ceilings, insulation and lighting have been installed in most of the Hall, including full emergency lighting as required by legislation. The whole building has been largely re-wired, complete with a state of the art fire alarm system. Work on the new kitchen is well underway: local builder Andrew Telfer has installed the kitchen, including a new range cooker, and we have a new back door and window. Next up is finishing the walls, and creating a large, shuttered, servery counter; and - mundane yet essential – we need to acquire a fridge!

Meanwhile, thanks to an anonymous donor, the notice board outside the Hall has been refurbished by local carpenter Ben Davies.

To get this far has eaten into the Hall's savings, so we need to obtain further grants before we can turn our attention to the main Hall itself, and keep fundraising (on which, see overleaf). Perhaps the full refurbishment will take longer than we hoped, but rest assured that it *will* happen! In the meantime, heartfelt thanks to everyone who has donated items, time or money, and to all Hall users for their flexibility and support!

Watch out for future Updates, and check the website, [www.alnevillage.co.uk](http://www.alnevillage.co.uk), for the latest news. If you would like to contribute in any way, or just to know more, do call me on 830077.

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