

ARLINGTON COMMUNITY ROOMS AND KITCHEN PROJECT BIBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

ARLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH CIO (Charity Number 1192458) - a lively pro - active networking Church in the centre of the villages of Bibury and Arlington, with a heart and mission to alleviate social isolation and improve health through community involvement, especially reaching out to older residents, and those living in the local rural area, including our neighbouring villages. We also encourage community led social groups of all ages.

<https://www.arlingtonbaptist.org.uk>

Bibury was once described by William Morris (1834-96) as "the most beautiful village in England". In fact, throughout the U.S.A. and Aisia, Bibury is suggested as one of the "places to visit " when travelling to the UK and Europe. There's no doubt that Bibury is featured on many lists of most beautiful Cotswold villages. Bibury and Arlington are one village with two parts, over-run with visitors and for such a tiny place and this causes problems for locals wishing to meet up and retain a normal social life.

Here at Arlington Baptist Church we have been providing social groups and social space for local gatherings for many years but the un-modernised buildings and lack of parking hinders our potential.

Over recent years we have renovated the heating and lighting systems as well as the continued general upkeep of building maintenance of the community buildings.

OUR PROJECT is called, Arlington Community Rooms and Kitchen Project.

We have planning permission for

- A new car park with disabled spaces, and disabled access into the building. Cotswold District Council 19/03141/FUL.
- A new Catering kitchen in line with health and hygiene regulations.
- New disabled friendly bathroom facilities and modernisation of existing facility.
- External wall Insulation and double glazing throughout community rooms to improve green footprint.
- Internal ramps and widening of doorways for open access throughout.
- Re-decoration, to become a more friendly and welcoming space for users, and adding new tables.

Our vision

- To offer a weekly meeting place with food/lunch, a hub, offering support and information for the local community with parking for elderly and disabled, to offer a meal delivery service for the elderly and housebound (we have gathered a collection of support letters for these needs from our community that can be accessed upon request), as well as continuing

with what we already do....

This is what we already do

- Provide a friendly place for meeting, support and advice.
- "POP UP LUNCH CLUB"- attendance between 15-40 people of all ages very popular monthly event before Covid-19.(we bought in food)
- "SPORTS CLUBS" - (we helped set up a popular boxing club for Children and Adults, providing free storage and low-cost space to operate).
- Murder mystery suppers - (sell-outs), raising money for charity.
- Breakfast mornings at weekends.
- Dressmaking workshops (Dress A Girl In Africa).
- Charity coffee morning, and sales.
- Hire our facilities to residents at a low or, no rate depending on the circumstances.
- Outside events supporting the community.
- All events open to everyone, and well advertised - transport always offered.

This Project has been ongoing for over three years, all the plans and permissions are in place. The building had a thorough professional survey in 2017, a copy of which is available.

The hall consists of a large meeting area with room for seating for 80, an old kitchen area and unmodernised toilets. We have wheelchair users who come to our meals, access to the community rooms is not fit for purpose.

This is a Not-For-Profit project - it is for the well-being of our community.

During this period of Lockdowns and social distancing, we have continued to support our elderly residents when possible.

"CHIN WAG AT THE CHAPEL"- a monthly tea, mainly elderly people and carers - a social distanced meeting in the chapel building with transport available.

We also provided help and cakes for elderly residents from our home environments, ensuring they had contact with someone even if was just a phone call.

It was obvious during Lockdown that we need a catering facility within the village to use for community takeout meals, although some meals were sent out from private homes to those in need, we were aware of the need for a catering hub.

LINK TOGETHER - We have contact with the organisation, **Cotswold Friends**, a well-known local charitable befriending service, who are hoping to partner with us, referring clients to us in the future and who have previously offered training for our volunteers in food hygiene, but they have officially said they cannot work with us until we upgrade our access, kitchen and bathroom facilities to at least in line with Gov.regulations.

THIS IS WHAT WE WANT TO DO.....

Phase 1. Disabled access ramp, new doors and internal ramps, Insulation to schoolrooms external walls, with secondary glazing, new disabled bathroom facility and make kitchen good for new installation.

Tender accepted from LBS building solutions, Preston, Cirencester
Prep. – Works - service connections, External repairs and access ramp, Internal strip out, insulate and make good - Windows secondary glazing, doors replaced, services, electrics, water plumbing and below-ground works:
£24,650 ex. vat
£29,580 incl. vat

Phase 2. Kitchen - Full catering kitchen, with Gas range and ventilation for use by the local community, and for community benefit.

Quote accepted - Abraxas Catering Equipment, Droitwich.

To supply and fit:

£13,000 ex. vat
£15,600 incl. vat

Phase 3. Car Park and Access, with Landscaping

Tender accepted from LBS (as above)
Clear site lay car park and path
Landscaping new hedge of native species
Fencing:
£8,250 ex. vat
£9,900 incl. vat

Phase 4. New Tables

6 x 5ft, Go Pak folding tables and storage trolley:
£1000 inc.vat

sub total £56,080
Contingency £3,920

Project Total £60,000

THE DIFFERENCE THIS WILL MAKE TO OUR COMMUNITY

A safe, accessible, comfortable place for the community to use - to be able to expand our care for one another, have some fun, encourage well-being in our community through support and information, use by sport and hobby groups, and be able to produce a meal for a large number of people at one sitting; also, extending to a "meals on wheels service" for the elderly and housebound in our area, enabling social interaction for the otherwise lonely, elderly or disabled residents.

We have gathered a collection of support letters for these needs from our community that can be accessed upon request.

FUNDING PROPOSAL

We have been fundraising in various ways over the last three years the community led events have been Lunches, Quizzes, Yard sale, Equestrian fun ride, Collections, Sale of walking leaflets and Donations. It has been tricky to fund raise during the Covid-19 lockdowns.

We have a small local population here in the villages and surrounding area, compared to most places in the U.K., but a real need for cohesion to alleviate rural isolation especially in older people, and hope to raise the funds for Phases 2 and 4, locally, through continued fundraising and asking residents for donations.

We hope to gain financial support from outside funding trusts to complete the other Phases.

Arlington community rooms and kitchen project - Funding Proposals

Pre tender expenditure

Exploratory, Surveying, planning permissions and listed building consents

Work to submit conditions imposed by above, extra surveys etc

Actual £17,611.07

This cost has been met by Arlington Baptist Church see Accounts 2019 and 2020 for breakdown.

28/10/2020 Tenders accepted from LBS Poulton and Abraxas kitchens, chosen from three applicants total £55,580 with contingency of £3420

Budget for Advisor fees (Surveyor) £5,000

(we will be taking over the daily site management ourselves voluntarily with occasional advice from Surveyor)

Grand Total to deliver project £82,611.07

Shortfall 04/01/21 £47,446.14 (see chart below)

Funding sources – ongoing

Local fundraising during 2019 and 2020 total £2553.86

Arlington Baptist Church commit to funding a further £15000 Capital costs in 2021

04/01/21 Estimated funding gap to complete the project £47,446.14

Funding proposal on chart below

Plan B

To ensure we deliver this project Arlington Baptist Church could apply for a Baptist Union Loan at 3% over base rate, at this rate we could take out £35,000 repaid over 10 years using income from letting our property, The New Manse.

We would prefer to use this income to fund the delivery of services to our community as planned upon completion of the project as well as our ongoing maintenance but this is our security.

Arlington Community rooms and Kitchen project - PLANNED BUDGET 2021

	AMMOUNT NEEDED	SOURCE OF INCOME	INCOME TO DATE	ANTICIPATED INCOME 2021
PHASE 1	£29580			
PHASE 2	£15600			
PHASE 3	£9900			
PHASE 4	£1000			
CONTINGEN CY	£3,920			
PROJEC T Managem ent	£5000			
Sub total	£65,000.00			
Local fundraising		Carried forward from 2019/20	£2,553.86	<i>Target £2,000</i>
Arlington Baptist Church			£15000	£15000
Small local trust funds		Charles Irving trust Notgrove trust Susanna Peake charitable trust Langtree trust – Jack Lane Trust	Applied December 2020	
Local Gov. funds		Cotswold district council – Community partnership fund Bibury Parish Council-	Applied Jan 2021	
Larger Trust funds		Garfield Weston Gloucestershire Disability Fund - Laing family Trusts -	Applied Jan 2021	
Local Donations		Donations		<i>Target £5000</i>
Actual Income so far 2021			£17,553.00	
Anticipated expenditure 2021	£65,000.00			
Shortfall	£47,447.00			£47,447.00