

The Armoury Village Hall; into the future

The Action;

The Trustee's are delighted to announce the award of an 80% funding grant by The Forest of Dean Local Action Group to enable significant renovation and development of the hall. Cognisant of the above guidelines plans have been prepared to achieve the same.

The Plan;

The current upstairs mezzanine level will be extended into a full floor. The roof space will be opened up exposing the a frames, and purlins. This will create a light, airy space capable of seating 105, with space for a stage at the North end, but equally capable of being used as an open space hall of 112 square metres.

Downstairs the hall will be reduced to the current wooden floored area, and be permanently tabled with some comfy seating. Male, Female and disabled rest room facilities will be adjacent on the left as you enter the porch. To the right will be a smaller enclosed office area with hatch to the new hall. This will facilitate a secure environment for activities such as the village hub, and other potential secure usage.

In essence the downstairs will be Newnham's community centre, the upstairs the new village hall.

Timing;

These works, and the grant, are of course subject to listed building consent. The application is with the planners. It is anticipated to start the project as soon as this is achieved. The project is anticipated to take 14 weeks, but with the downstairs element sooner. Our best start estimate is late November. But watch this space for updates.

Newnham Armoury Village Hall was purchased for the village, by the villagers, in 1962. This project protects the sacrifices of those that raised that money by protecting this important part of Newnham's heritage for future generations.