

St Peter's Church, Shipley - Land & Buildings Report

1st April 2023-31st March 2024

The Land & Buildings Sub-Group was set up as a sub-committee of the PCC little over two years ago, to work with the staff team in planning and maintaining church property and finding ways of increasing revenue from its buildings. During this period the group was chaired by Mike Moss, Church Treasurer and its members were Mervyn Silva, Gemma Richards, Martin Forbes, Alan Armitage, David Slaney, Jackie Loach, Anabel Rigby, Jennie Reid. Previously known as the Fabric Report, this report named to reflect the work of this group.

| Work completed | |
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| Details | Costs & Remarks |
| Regular repairs and servicing of equipment were carried out according to the schedule. | £3,200 |
| We had plasterwork done in the large hall and the room with no name early in the year. | 3500 |
| In March and April, (Shane) did a lot of repairs on the roof and around the fascia boards in the lounge including improving the protection above the side entrance to church. | £8,500 |
| In June, we trimmed the garden shrubs to keep the car park and pavement clear. | £0 |
| In July, (Shane) sorted out the damp issues in the small hall with work to the passage and removing roots. | £3,100 |
| In July, we got (the Hive joiner) to repair the outdoor storage cupboard. | £0 |
| Later in the year we had the leak into the church passage with plasterwork, roof fixing needed. | £2,500 |
| We installed the kitchenette in the small hall. | £4,500 |
| We had a lot of electrical work including plugs for the storeroom off the lounge, testing and fixing emergency lighting, sorting car park light issues. | £3,100 |
| We installed a new intercom/door entry system. | £2,100 |
| We replaced the fire alarm system control box and extended its coverage. | £1,600 |
| | £9,500 |
| We installed the heating / air conditioning units for the lounge. We replaced the boiler control system for the church and had the boilers serviced and on | £3,400 |

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| one the integral fan replaced which made church heating more reliable this winter. | £300 |
| We had a new noticeboard outside. | £100 |
| We insulated the tower. | £10,000 |
| We implemented the new AV system and moved the sound desk forward. | £500 |
| We ensured users could use the new monitors to present from the front of church. | £2,500 |
| In November, ceilings outside the vestry were renovated, and a false ceiling outside the office was fitted. | No Charge |
| A leak above lounge window Queens Roadside nearest to the kitchen took place. At our request, Shane investigated it and applied sealant. This appeared to have solved the problem. Traces of water have appeared again when it rained heavily which we are monitoring. | Est £2,500 waiting quinquennial No charge |
| We have noticed that the large stone step from the car park to the entrance has begun to sink. We have put white lines and trip hazard signs around and are monitoring the this before deciding on further action. | No Charge |
| February an extra sprinkler was fitted outside the office door. | Awaiting invoice £650 |
| The rainwater hoppers around the corner from main church entrance were blocked and overflowing. (With help from Martin Forbes,) they were cleared examined and cleared of pigeon excrement. | £1,500 |
| We got (FHP electricals) to upgrade church and office lighting to energy saving LED lights and the work is continuing. | £250 |
| We replaced the disabled toilet flooring. | £800 |
| We had a Fire risk assessment performed and modified some doors appropriately and provided training for welcomers. Appropriate signage was installed. | |
| We had the entrance from Glenview Terrace power washed. | |
| We worked with the tennis and bowls clubs to replace the toilet door at the Fernhill land. | |

Hive Tenancy

The fixed-term 12-month tenancy of Hive is due to end at the end of summer. While the refurbishment of their building - Kirkgate Centre, has made good progress, final fitting out might take a little longer. Therefore, we are looking to enter a periodic monthly tenancy with them to give

them the extra time they might need that would also give us the time to advertise and backfill the space they vacate.

Fernhill Land

After a couple of ad hoc meetings in summer 22 and 23, some time was spent meeting with each group who use Fernhill – St Peters Bowls Club, Tennis Club, and the Scouts – to understand more about their clubs and needs. One of the requirements of the Eco Church programme is to have a Land Management Plan for any land owned by the church that takes into account the Environment, Community and Heritage. Some initial work has been done to map the site, some of its wildlife/planting and facilities. As a result, a ‘Fernhill group’ was established in February, (currently facilitated by Jackie Loach) reporting into the Buildings and Land Subcommittee of the PCC and aims to meet 3 times a year. The purpose of this is to facilitate a coordinated approach to the sustainable management of the church site at Fernhill and enable the Church and the users – Bowls Club, Scouts, and Tennis Club - to communicate well and work effectively together to manage the site for the benefit of users, the church and wildlife both now and into the future. As well as representation from each of the organisations and Church leadership team, we have had input from Glyn Levis and Hugh Firman, church members with expertise in wildlife and managing land for community and environmental benefit. There is a huge amount of voluntary effort that is undertaken by each group to look after the different parts of Fernhill which provides a wonderful community asset - and the group identified some priorities to work together on as people’s time and resources allow -including holding an Open morning to enable Church members, neighbours, and others to come and see & enjoy it. If you would like to know more or have ideas /skills to offer in helping this group, or with the Open Day, have a word with Jackie Loach, Mike Moss, or Gemma Richards.

Jackie Loach

Our grateful thanks are due to:

- Mike Moss for all his time and efforts as Church Treasurer and Chair of Land & Buildings Committee – managing church finances and upkeep of church property.
- To the members of Land & Buildings Committee, Eco Church, and Fernhill groups for their contribution to maintaining and improving our premises.
- Thank you to Martin Fawley and Katharine Leech for keeping the church and halls so clean and well maintained.
- Thanks to the Welcome Space team who are one of the largest users of the building week after week.
- Thank you to Cynthia Hargreaves, Sue Pedley, Viv Brealey, and others for the beautiful floral displays that decorate the church especially at major festivals.
- Thank you to the deputy wardens’ team, door stewards and sacristans that serve on Sundays.

As church wardens we get to see the various contributions made by so many different people for the smooth running of the church in so many ways, keeping down our costs and ensuring it is a pleasant and hospitable environment for worship and all other activities that take place here.

We pass on our heartfelt thanks to everyone involved.

Mervyn Silva and Gemma Richards – church wardens

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