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space@Hare Hill House

Special Interest

- Please visit the Engage Mutual Foundation website and vote for our project spACE@Hare Hill House.
- Work day on Saturday 8th November.
- Kids Christmas Festival on Sunday 23rd November.

In the News

Watch out for an article by an aspiring young journalist Jamie Kingsley who has submitted a piece to Littleborough Local.





Welcome to our first newsletter

Welcome to our first newsletter.It is our aim to circulate the newsletter on a monthly basis. It will include a mixture of news of the progress being made and information on how you can help. We will also use the newsletter to canvass views and ideas on a variety of issues that will need to be addressed and developed as we move forward.

Our vision for the building: '...to develop Hare Hill House as a community facility to serve the people of Littleborough and visitors to the area. A mix of community, commercial and tourism related uses will be provided to ensure that the building is financially self-sustaining, contributes to job creation, community volunteering, supports the cultural arts community learning and tourism and improves provision for all.'

Is this a vision you share? Would you like to help achieve the vision? We have a number of ways in which you could help;

Our monthly work day, in November this will take place on Saturday 8th November when the House will be open from 10.30am and we usually finish around 1pm depending upon the tasks being undertaken. All are welcome.

We are also looking for your support in our efforts to raise monies via the Engage Mutual Foundation.

We have an interim committee which is helping to bring forward ideas and get involved in delivering events and activities at the House.

Engage Mutual Foundation.

Thanks to Peter Reed for again nominating Hare Hill House for a chance to secure a £5,000 community award from the Engage Mutual Foundation. We now urgently need your support to secure an award. We need your vote, and for you to encourage other family and friends to also vote for our project.

VOTE NOW

by visiting

https://www.engagemutual .com/foundation/projects/h are-hill-house/

Voting closes on the 17th November 2014.



What is happening at the House in November.



Sunday 9th November **Rememberance Day**Parade starts and ends at the Park and the House will be open.

Christmas Kids Festival Sunday 23rd November 11am – 5pm Interim Management Committee Monday 24th November 7pm – 8.30pm

Big Life Pathways project are also using the House once a week.



Christmas Kids Festival

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Progress Report

A quick potted history; Rochdale Council granted a 6 month licence to occupy Hare Hill House to MoorEnd Trust in November 2013, to enable the Trust to develop a Business Plan and establish if there was community support for the project. In May 2014 we submitted our Business Plan and with a team of 42 volunteers we secured a commitment to a further 12 months to enable us to demonstrate that we could commence raising the

monies necessary to undertake the repairs and improvements. Our team of volunteers has been working hard to clear and clean the House to enable the House to be used. The Council repaired the glazing. however, as a result of further vandalism we had to spend £400 on replacing 8 more windows that had been smashed. Local contractors SMART Electrical also offered support and two electricians spent several

days at the House removing redundant electrical appliances. fixing the lighting and PAT testing all the portable electrical equipment. A big thanks to Roger, Margaret, Dave and team from Smart Electrical. We would also like to say thank you to SPC Fabrications for the loan of a van enabling us to take advantage of some redundant furniture at Littleborough Community School.

Volunteer News

It is with great sadness that I report the death of one of our most enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers, Malcolm McCormick. A lifelong resident of Littleborough, Malcolm has been part of the group of people who have fought since 2008 to ensure Hare Hill House is retained for the community. We will miss his much valued contributions.

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