

Note for PCC-

Faculties Update.

Heating and Electrical Work.

The Diocesan Heating Advisor is happy with all the details we submitted but wanted confirmation that our Insurers were happy with the use of the portable radiant heaters. Our insurers were contacted and have confirmed they are happy subject to a couple of standard conditions. The DAC has now signed off the details, and the faculty application goes to the Chancellor after a public notice has been displayed for a month.

LED lights

The DAC new electrical advisor has asked for details which include any emergency lighting. To assess what we need for emergency lighting Nick M and Nick B-B completed an up-to-date fire risk assessment.

The risk level is very low so for now we are proposing emergency lit Fire Exit signs above the porch doors into the church and the door into the small vestry.

We are awaiting a quote from JCW Electrical Installations.

Men & Women in Shed

The date for the public notice expired on 31st May and the faculty is now with the Chancellor to hopefully issue a faculty approval.

Planning Permission was granted on 24th April 2026.

Funding Applications

The Diocesan Grants Officer (Andy Duncan) designed a community questionnaire and loaded it onto a survey website so people can fill it in online. He will produce a report of responses for use for funding applications.

Some printed questionnaires have been made available in the community centre and library but will need to be analysed separately

A 2nd project newsletter was produced, and volunteers have been posting them through letterboxes in the village. Most of the village has now been covered.

The Grants Officer has also designed a partner's questionnaire. It is not proposed to be circulated but meetings with partners will be organised to obtain answers to the questions. These will be analysed separately

With the help of the Diocesan Net Zero Carbon Advisor, all the outstanding details for the Net Zero carbon funding application for the heating and electrical proposals have been resolved and it is going to the Diocesan Grants Committee. We await their decision.

Community Initiatives.

1. Churchyard Habitat Biodiversity and Heritage Project.

This is progressing well- some survey work has been undertaken including soil analysis, butterfly monitoring and plant identification.

Michael Drayton School are testing the project's school workshop in six sessions. Two sessions have taken place last week and 4 more this week.

The project team are hoping to be at the Sausage Sizzle and have an event on Thursday 23rd July for children and adults.

2. Heritage Group.

A number of meetings have been held, and the group now has 16 members. It decided on the name 'Hartshill Heritage'

Special visits have taken place to Mancetter Church Roman Centre and to Hartshill Castle. The Committee of Arley History Group came to a meeting to explain how they have set up their group and what they do.

Members of Hartshill Heritage had a very useful meeting with the community outreach officer at Warwickshire Records Office

The next stage is to have a session to do a mapping exercise which will lead to a constitution. It will look at what reasons people have joined the group and what do they want to get out of being a member, what the group want to do and when.

A number of options for establishing the group are being explored but the preferred one is to join with the community library as a library and heritage service which would come under the umbrella of the Parish Council. A very positive meeting with the Chair of the Parish Council, the Parish Clerk and the manager of the library has taken place. A report will be made to the Parish Council. Nothing can be made public until that has occurred.

3. Men and Women in Shed

Nick and Jan met some of the Committee of Nuneaton Men and Women in Sheds on 28th May to talk about arrangements for and implementation of the proposal for a shed in Hartshill. There were 2 principles that the Committee emphasized-

Firstly, the success of a shed in Hartshill can only go ahead with local community involvement. As a committee, policies and procedures will be provided, but day to day running will need to be by local members. MWIS have 2 experienced shedders who may be able to support however the shed needs to be locally led.

Secondly the group have not and cannot give a commitment to help with repairs to the Church identified in the quinquennial report. That is not within their remit. However, making raised beds in any community garden may well be something they could do.

The Committee were still very keen to try and establish a shed in Hartshill, but it would start low key maybe a couple of mornings a week. Nick said that it might be possible for the ladies in the group to use the vestry when the library is not in use but that would need PCC approval.

It is still a community initiative that the Church should continue to support.

Project Team.

The very sad passing of Jeff leaves a big gap in the Team.

Also, Chris Twine has decided he would prefer to be on the Hartshill Heritage committee. So, the team is small with Nick M, Nick B-B and Simon Pearson being the only active members. The Ward Councillors are supportive and are happy to be involved and do what they can.

Is there anyone on the PCC who would like to join the team or are there any suggestions of other people who might be interested?