



Sherston Old School renovation is finished!

In less than 10 months, Sherston Old School has been rejuvenated, restored and (just about) re-opened. The builders who started last July have now hung up their hard hats; the decorators have cleaned their brushes for the last time. During the course of this month, new tenants will be moving into modern business units in a Victorian building that had been empty for over seven years. It's a transformation that will restore the old primary school to its rightful place at the heart of the community.

When the Post Office Stores opened for business in the renovated Hall in November 2011, this was the half-way point in the project. It's easy to forget that Phase Two, the construction of offices and business units in the central section and old classrooms, only got going properly after Christmas. Apart from short delays due to weather and conservation requirements, the project is finishing on time and budget. The keys are due to be formally handed over during the first week of the month.

The village gets to see it!

On Saturday 5th May, villagers were invited to an Open Day at the Old School between 10.30am and 12.30 pm. This gave everyone the chance to look around before the first tenants arrive on or shortly after the 7th May. (Full details of who they are will be available as soon as the various tenancy agreements have been signed).

The SOSIC board hopes that everybody will share their delight at the result. The former classrooms 2 and 3 (where the temporary Charity shop, 'Class Act', was



previously located) have been transformed into a superb, light and airy space; – the revitalised parquet floor looks particularly impressive!

Outside, the former Mobile Classroom in the rear yard has now been removed. The huge space created has the potential for a variety of future uses. In the short term, it will be used by the tenants of each of the individual units to meet their own individual access and parking requirements. SOSCIC and the Village Hall are jointly considering how this space could be put to better use in the future.

The fundraising continues....

The fantastic response to the February mailshot made a big difference to the remaining target of £10k but hasn't completely closed the gap. The fundraising committee will continue to 'rattle collecting tins' and work on future fundraising ideas (The Rude Health Show on 1st May in Malmesbury Town Hall was an outstanding success).). With villagers' and 'friends' help, the remaining funds should be banked in the next few months, thus ensuring a self-financing future for Sherston Old School.

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