



Area Board Update, February 2012

- **Building Works update**

Phase 1 work is effectively finished; some small details, such as snagging points, are still to be resolved. There is also the need for some internal decorations within the Post Office Stores where the walls in certain areas were damp as a result of long term water ingress. This will only be done when the masonry dries out which may take some time.

Work on Phase 2 is already advanced. This includes the construction of the central section (units 1,2 and 4) as well as the communal toilet and kitchen facilities, with a view to having these three units ready for occupation within eight weeks. Outstanding parts of the exterior including roofing are substantially completed.

Subject to funding, the third and final phase - the conversion of the former Classes 1 & 2 - will continue. These areas, which total 934sq.ft. are now effectively stripped out following agreement by The Conservation Officer to take down the former dividing screen. We await progress with the identification, ideally of a single tenant, for the whole space. Window repairs and replacements may progress in advance of further funding news.

- **SOSCIC pledges (Sherston Old School Community Interest Company)**

A personalised mailing to the entire parish asking for donations will take place in late February or early March. The total amount raised from pledges so far is just under £8,000. The temporary Pledges Board in the Post Office foyer is an effective visual reminder of the need for further funding.

- **Fundraising Activities**

The fundraising committee is making good progress on the organisation of "The Rude Health Show" with Dr Phil Hammond whose parents live in Sherston. The entertainment will take place in Malmesbury Town Hall on Tuesday 1st May. Publicity and ticket-selling for this event are underway. Additional fundraising events - Christmas Winter Wonderland Ball, Family Sunday Lunch at Village Hall and other ideas - are currently under discussion.