

Lewes East Sussex



Lead Organisation

Lewes Town Council

Aim of Project

- To canvass public opinion on the future of the All Saints Community Arts Centre in order to increase its contribution to the life of the area and to publish the results.
- To carry out an architect's feasibility study of renovation works required to bring the building up to standard.
- To prepare a business plan and explore appropriate funding opportunities.

Achievements

- The survey took place which clarified people's wishes for the future use of the Centre.
- A business plan has been prepared by the All Saints Action Group using the survey information.
- The Architect's study has been completed including structural and electrical reports.
- Grant funding has been investigated and applications are being made.



Those involved

All Saints Action Group (largely voluntary)
Lewes Town Council staff and councillors
Architects and
the general public.

Funding

The SRB grant paid for the architect's fees and the match funding was provided by volunteer time from members of the Action Group

Innovation

The ability to unlock funds to pay architect's fees using volunteer time as match funding
This was also a first for the Town Council and the Action Group to work together in order to progress the project

Lessons learned

The survey work, business plan and commissioning the architect's study took much longer than expected.
The need to absorb the scale and cost of the work involved meant a re-think on the timing of the project and the need to raise funds.
The need to balance work on repairs with developing community use
However, without the project funding for the architect's report and the focus for the volunteer time that achieving the match funding provided, this project would not have been given the boost it needed to face the issues involved.

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