



TLC News

What will the building be used for?

We want to meet the needs of the community.

While we have lots of ideas of our own, we want to know what people in the community would like to see us provide.

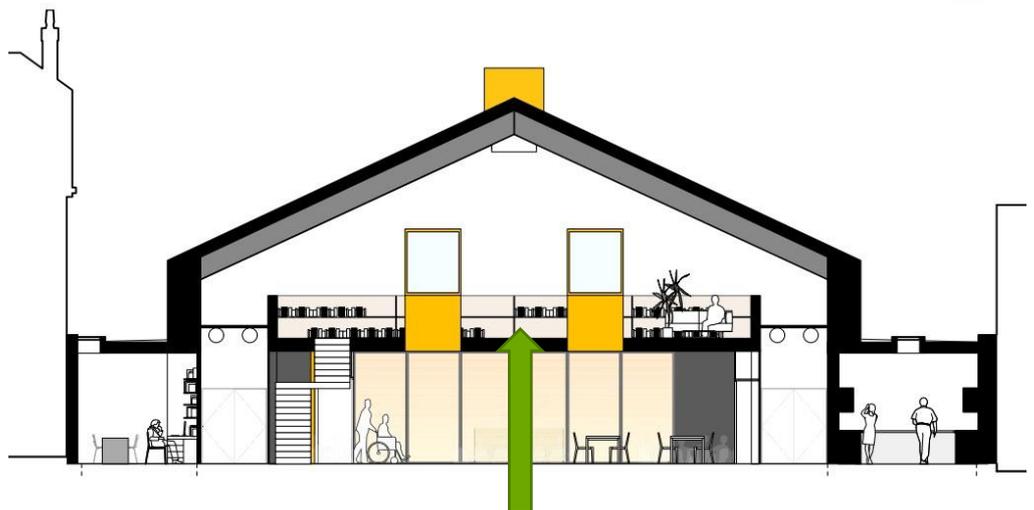
Therefore if you have any suggestions, please contact:-

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Building update

The demolition contractors, Hardwicks, finished clearing the site at the beginning of October, some weeks earlier than planned. No unforeseen hazards were encountered, such as undetected asbestos or unpleasant chemicals in the ground (always a risk), but the bedrock turned out to be a little deeper than expected from the preliminary bore-holes. This will necessitate some extra groundwork, which will take a little of our contingency, but the total project cost remains unaffected. There is now a brief hiatus before Skyline, the building contractors, move onto site at the beginning of November to position the concrete foundation blocks on which the steel frame will be positioned. Steel and timber costs have risen during the year, largely due to the pandemic, though the risk of cost increases now rests with the contractor under our fixed price contract. Our architects, Shedkm, have had their contract with us transferred to Skyline, where they will protect the integrity of the design as Skyline look to source materials at the best price. Any specification changes will need our authorisation and the architect's agreement. Some information and graphics should appear on the yellow hoardings around the end of October.

What different activities will happen in the new building



Young people's Staff Offices above meeting rooms at Telegraph road end

A-V equipment

The precise details of the design for the audio-visual equipment (screens, sound system, security cameras, projection) remain to be finalised as the technology and costs continually change, but the building design has had preliminary analysis from acoustic engineers which will inform the A/V design. Skyline will be co-ordinating with our chosen A/V supplier, Ad Lib, to ensure that the first stage of installation meets the expected cabling requirements. We can't expect electronics to be free from the risk of obsolescence, but we intend to ensure that they are robust and of good quality.

The Youth Hub This is one example of what we have planned. There will be a mezzanine floor where there will be space for the Children's and Families worker, Youth Workers and Interns. This will be their office space and enable them to prepare materials for all their activities. The new building will be the home of youth work and current activities will continue including a Sunday youth service (Encounter) and life groups for each secondary school year group. Youth Counselling service will continue to be available for teenagers. Meetings for mothers and their young children will restart. There is a creche area with toys beside the hospitality area, so it will be possible for mothers to meet for a coffee or light lunch with friends, while their children have a safe play environment. Other after school activities need to be discussed and planned and it would be helpful if suggestions are made by parents, as to what they would like to have available to them and their children.

Church on the high street

We are grateful to the Methodist Church which has welcomed us in for services. Initially they will be monthly at **9am on Sunday mornings** November 7th, December 12th and January 16th. In January we will take stock and plan further for how we prepare for the Lighthouse Church and how church on the high street should continue.

We plan an open gathering for everyone in the community to join us for **Christmas Carols in Heswall Hall** on Tuesday 21st December at 6.30pm. This will include singing carols and remembering what Christmas is really about. Everyone welcome, please bring friends and family.

Youth Fellowship are planning a **Christmas Fair at the Methodist Church** on Saturday 11th December to raise funds for the Rock of Joy Trust. This is a Heswall based charity that works with deprived children in Uganda providing education and working in their communities.

What should we be praying for?

- **Suitable weather to get the shell up quickly.**
- **The safety of all those working on the site**
- **The goodwill and tolerance of our neighbours on Telegraph Road**
- **Provision of the last 20% of funding required to complete the project.**
- **Wisdom in getting the right business model for staffing, catering etc.**