

Longwood Village Group
Longwood Mechanics Hall
Longwood Village Coffee Shop Ltd

Longwood Gate, Longwood, Huddersfield HD3 4UU
Charity Number 1087328

Securing the Future of the Hall

The Longwood Mechanics Hall was built in 1858. It has gone through many up's and down in its history from a School to 120 students to the Penny Bank. Used as Barracks during the war, home to the Longwood Amateur Dramatic Society and the Derby and Joan Club to name a few. It has served several generations of the families of Longwood. In 2005 the hall was in a trouble, unloved and under used.

It started to turn around in 2007 with new leadership and direction. A great transformation was made. A team of dedicated volunteers spent many hours to rejuvenate the Hall to a bright, well loved and much used community facility. We have been able to secure a number of small grants that have helped us tremendously to achieve this. Unfortunately to date the larger grants have alluded us to fully restore the Hall and more and more groups are competing trying to secure declining funds.

We are volunteers doing the best we can in the time we have available. Currently we use 100 volunteer hours a week running the hall. We do not pay for any staff. We want to secure the future of the Hall for generations to come. The Hall belongs to You, it is Your Hall.

To help secure the future of the hall the Building Fund was established in 2015

Target 2028 the Hall's 170th Anniversary
£10,000 in the Building Fund to achieve £100,000 Restoration

From previous experience we know that with grant money generally; it is possible to get 10 times the amount we have put in.

We have previously used some of the building fund money for the roof repairs.
£1700 of our building fund money gained us £17000 of funding.

If we could get the building fund to £10,000 that may help us achieve £100,000
The hall is over 160 years old, we know it will need work to preserve it for future generations.

Why do we want £100,000?

Underpinning the rear gable.

Replace four window lintels and the door lintel in the burnt-out cottage.

Install new windows and door

New staircase to the cellar

Replace the floor in the burnt-out cottage, possibly opening through into the art room. This would make the space nearly as big as the dance studio.

Refurbish toilets and toilet extension

Re point the whole building.

If you would like to subscribe to the building fund; contributions start from £1 per month. Please email me for full details: derek.fairbank@ntlworld.com

Longwood Mechanics Hall Building and Land Fund.

This fund was created to establish a separate pot of money specifically for the major repairs and maintenance to the fabric of the building. To also include the heating system, drains and also the possible purchase of land if required.

We included land within the fund because a similar successful scheme was set up many years ago across the valley and this generated income to purchase plots of land in the community instead of it being sold off to developers.

The fund totals will be published at the Longwood Village Group AGM in May each year.

A little maths: This is the inspiration for the Building Fund.

2000 houses in Longwood each paying **£1** per month = £2000 per month

£2000x12 months = £24000 per year

£24000 x 5 years = £120000

Add gift aid this makes a total of **£144000 in just 5 years.**

The scheme

Bronze Subscriber level	£1 per month
Silver	£2 per month
Gold	£3 per month
Diamond	£4 per month
Platinum	£5 per month and over

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Advertising and How to Pay

We have considered many options on how to do this, we are volunteers doing the best we can. Our options are limited by time and resources so we will not be going round door to door asking people to join. We will include details in the newsletter and E newsletter but word of mouth is by far the best way of advertising we can do. Please help to encourage others to join the scheme.

For payment we have considered direct debit but this would mean we need to keep your bank account details on file, have extra insurance policies, pay bank charges on each transaction and find a volunteer qualified to do this for now and in the future.

We want you to keep your bank details safe, so we are asking subscribers to please set up a standing order payment direct into the Building Fund Account details over. This will not cost you anything to set up, but means you need to take time and set this up online or take the details into your bank and they will set it up for you. This means we will get the full payment that you make.

If you could also complete the gift aid form we can claim the tax relief on your payments at 25p in the pound. It may not sound a lot but makes a big difference to us.

Help us Secure this Hall for now and future Generations.

To Join

Please ask your bank to set up a standing order to:

Account Number:72981968

Sort Code: 30-94-43

Account Name: LVG Mechanics Hall and decide how much you wish to donate.

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Diamond £4 per month
Platinum £5 per month and over

Once you have set the standing order up, please complete the forms below and return to Derek Fairbank at the Longwood Mechanics Hall, Longwood Gate, Longwood, Huddersfield. HD3 4UU
Certificates may be collected from the Hall 6 weeks after the standing order is set up.

Title_____ First name or initial_____ Surname_____

House Number/Name_____

Street _____

Village _____

Town_____ Amount you wish to contribute £_____

Contact Number _____

Please provide your E mail address so we can include you on our E newsletter

E mail address:.....

***Please complete
in capitals***

Gift Aid declaration – for past, present & future donations

Name of charity: **Longwood Village Group**

Please treat as Gift Aid donations all qualifying gifts of money made today and in the future.

I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year.

I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify.

I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give on or after 6 April 2014.

***Please complete
in capitals***

Donor's details Title _____ First name or initial(s) _____

Surname _____

Full home address _____

Postcode _____

Date _____

Signature _____

Please notify the charity if you: • Want to cancel this declaration • Change your name or home address • No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains. If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.